

U.S.S. John A. Bole

DD 755

1952



CDR Harold G. Leahy
U. S. Navy

FOREWORD

This is the story of the second Korean cruise of the JOHN A. BOLE. What pictures and words can tell—and the limitations of security permit—is set down in the pages following. It makes a good record . . .

And, because the ship is the men who sail and fight her, this is the story of the crew of the BOLE. For a short time, the men whose names and faces are recorded herein WERE the BOLE, and some trace of each of them will remain with her to the end of her career.

In a sense, this is also the story of the Destroyer Navy. For the jobs that were done, the work, the fighting, the boredom, the fun, are the commonplace of destroyer duty, and if nothing much is ever said about them, it's because they are seldom heroic, just essential.

So with deep respect, and most sincerely, this book is dedicated to the crew of the JOHN A. BOLE and to the families who awaited their return.

H. G. LEAHY,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding Officer

The John A. Bole Story

This is the story of the John A. Bole's second cruise in Korean waters. Most of it is in the pictures that follow, but first something about the Bole's younger days. Our tin can slid down the ways on March 3, 1945; commissioned with the name of Lieutenant Commander John A. Bole, Jr., holder of the Navy Cross, and skipper of the submarine Amberjack, lost in June of 1944. She is a 2200 ton, short hull destroyer of the 692 class.

After a shakedown cruise, her first duty was to escort the badly damaged carrier Franklin on its last leg home, from the West Indies to New York. Then the Bole, under her first skipper, Captain Edward B. Billingsly, sailed for the Pacific war in company with the heavy cruiser St. Paul. On this, her first trip to war, a white albatross perched for a day on the yardarm—a symbol for the luck and grace that's been with her ever since. Once in the Pacific, the Bole took part in the great operations that carried the U. S. fleet into Tokyo harbor. The Bole participated in the strikes on Wake, escorted carriers to Eniwetok, saw the Philippine invasion, and fought through the kamikazi attacks at Okinawa without suffering damage or casualty to her crew.

Following the Japanese surrender, the Bole swept mines in the East China Sea, supported landings at Higashi Suido, and by herself, led the demilitarization of Saishu, destroying 88 suicide boats. The Bole remained in the Far East until March of 1946 when she finally headed home.

When war came again, the Bole was overhauled and her crew put through hard training. She sailed for Korea on the 30th of September, 1950. She fought through the first cold winter, as part of fast carrier task groups, as part of bombardment elements, and took part in the invasion at Inchon. In June 1951 she came home to San Diego.

On January 3, 1952, the 755 headed back, Korea bound again. Again she ran with the carriers on the east coast of Korea, bombarded up and down both coasts, and sailed in the Formosan straits. She operated with British, Dutch, and Korean allies. All of the cruise wasn't the dull, long, seldom interesting part of war destroyers fight. We made liberties from Sasebo to Hong Kong to Honolulu. We watched the big boys, the battle-ship Iowa, the cruisers, the carriers, hit the enemy, and we were there too. This is our story.

JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755)
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THE HANDLING AND OPERATION OF BOLE
DD 755 FEB 7 AND 8 WERE NOTABLY EX-
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TO: COMDESRON 7
INFO TO: BOLE

JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755)
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PERFORMANCE OF JOHN A. BOLE WHILE
ASSIGNED AS A UNIT OF TE 95.01 HAS BEEN
OUTSTANDING IN ALL ASPECTS BT....

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TO: JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755)
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JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755)
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SIGNAL X
SHIP LIKE YOURS MAKES THIS JOB
PLEASURE BT....

FROM: CRANE
TO: JOHN A. BOLE

JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755)
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
GOOD WORK PLEASANT VOYAGE TO SAN
DIEGO WISH I WAS COMING WITH YOU
HOPE WE MEET UP AGAIN BUT NOT OFF
BROMIDE BAKER BT....

FROM: CTE 95.11
TO: USS BOLE

JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755)
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WELCOME HOME AND WELL DONE X YOUR
SECOND TOUR WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
FORCES HAS BEEN A CREDIT TO ALL HANDS
X JOHN W. ROPER....

FROM: COMCRUDESPAC
TO: DESDIV 71



CDR H. G. Leahy, USN
Commanding Officer

CDR J. W. Roddy, USNR
Executive Officer

The Bole's Course in Capable Hands



Ship's Company



Officers

Seated, left to right: LTJG J. L. Worden, LT L. T. Winslow, Jr., Ens. C. B. Pearlston, Jr., LT N. J. Gillespie, ENS L. A. Dwyer, CDR H. G. Leahy, ENS R. W. Foster, CDR J. W. Roddy, ENS R. F. Stalder, Jr., LT H. W. Hague, ENS A.N. Smirensky, LT G. N. Selby, ENS M. L. Hayes. **Standing:** LT F. R. Degler, Jr., LTJG P. W. Neff, Jr., ENS C. B. Stewart, LTJG C. T. Hampton, LT R. W. Hess, ENS C. S. Lee.



First Division



Second Division



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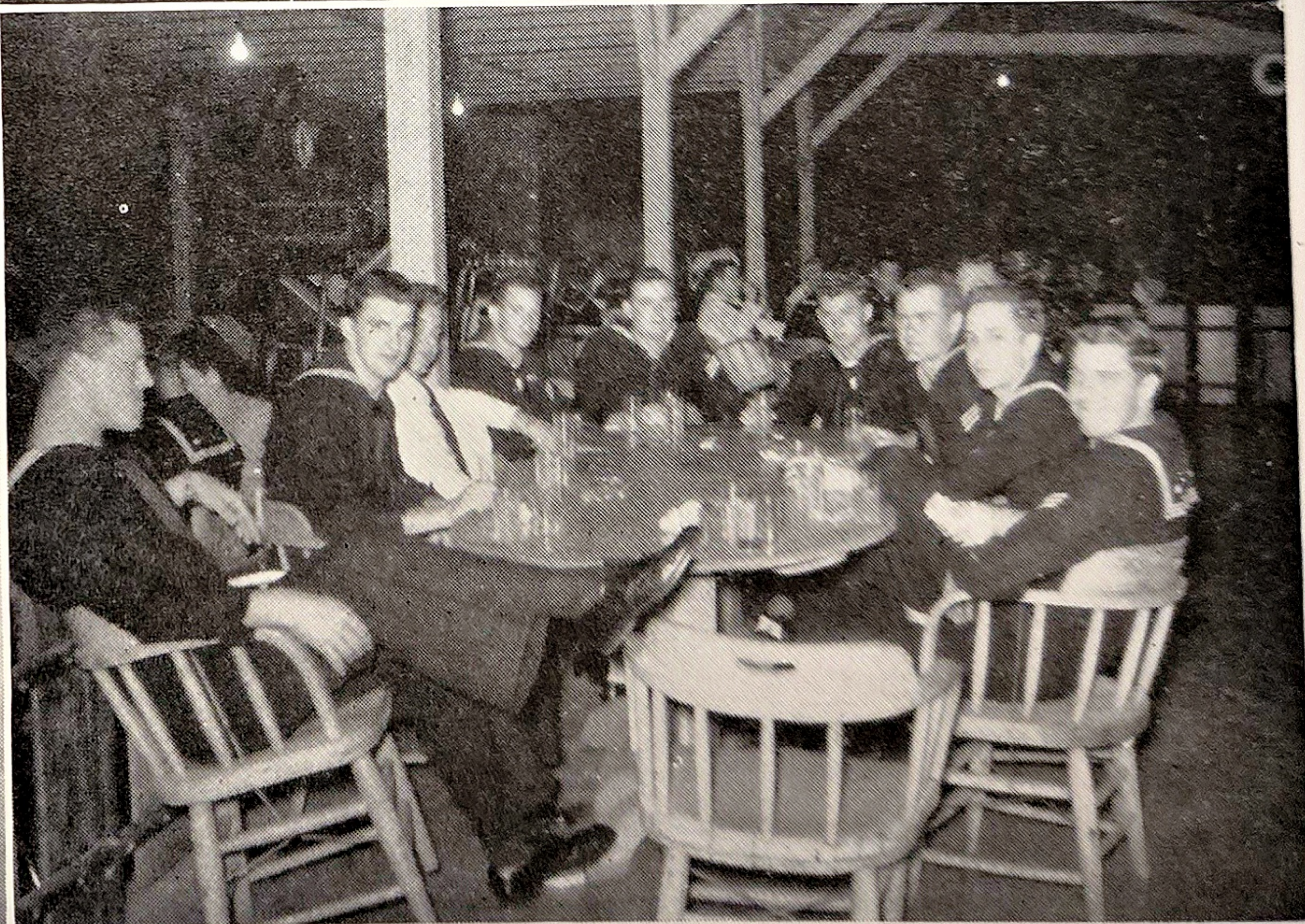


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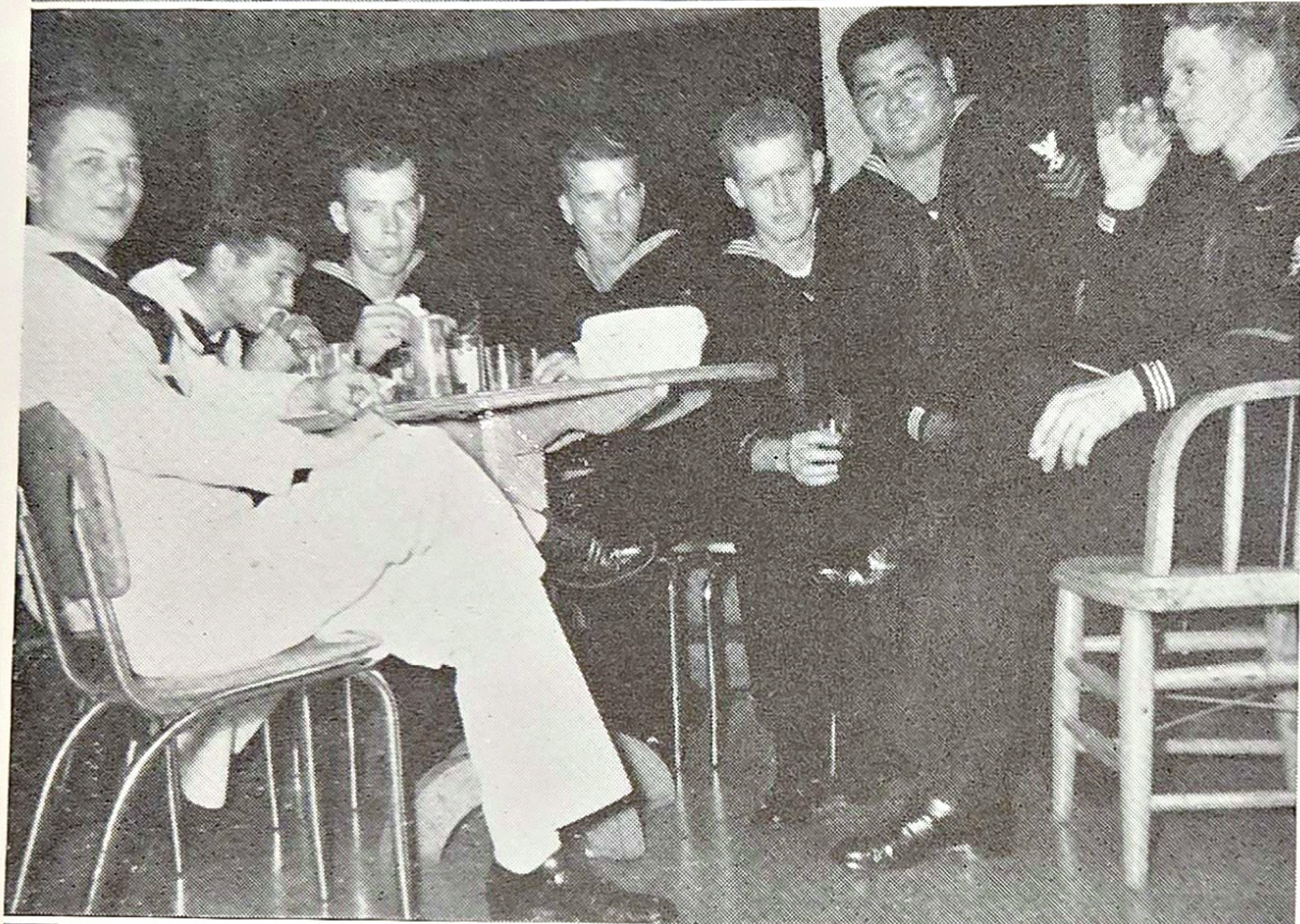


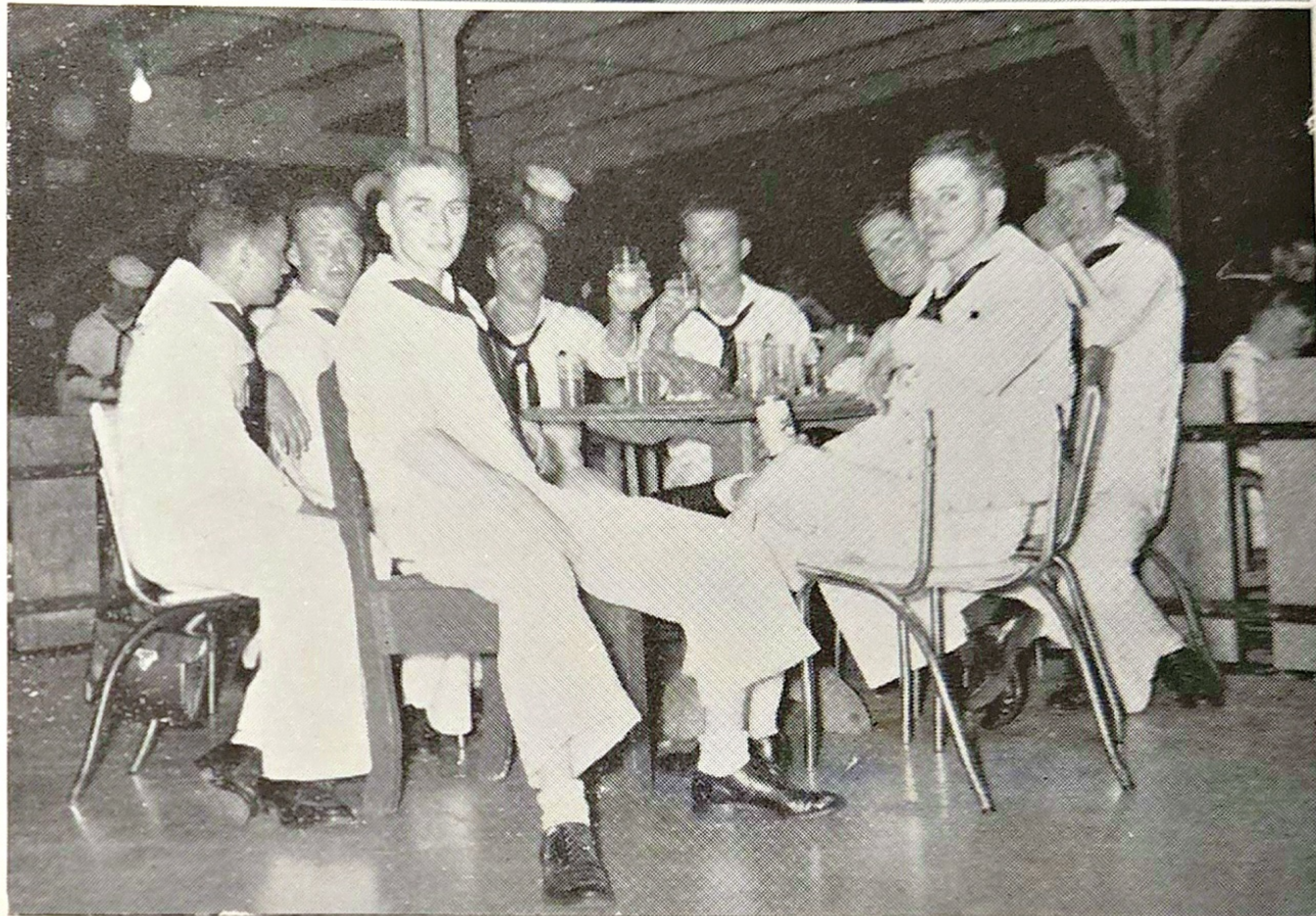
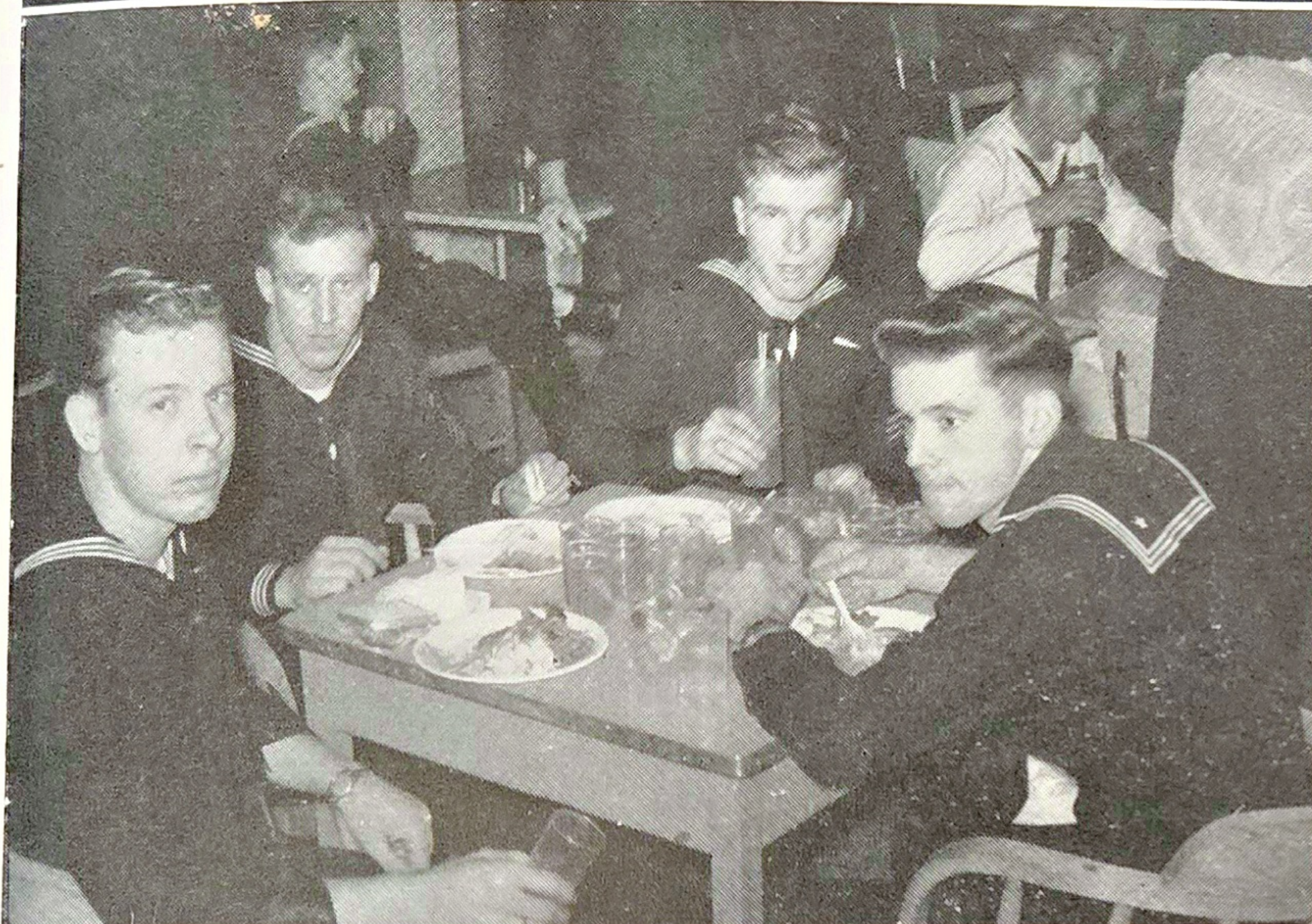
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Ship's Party at Pearl Harbor



SHIP'S PARTY AT PEARL HARBOR





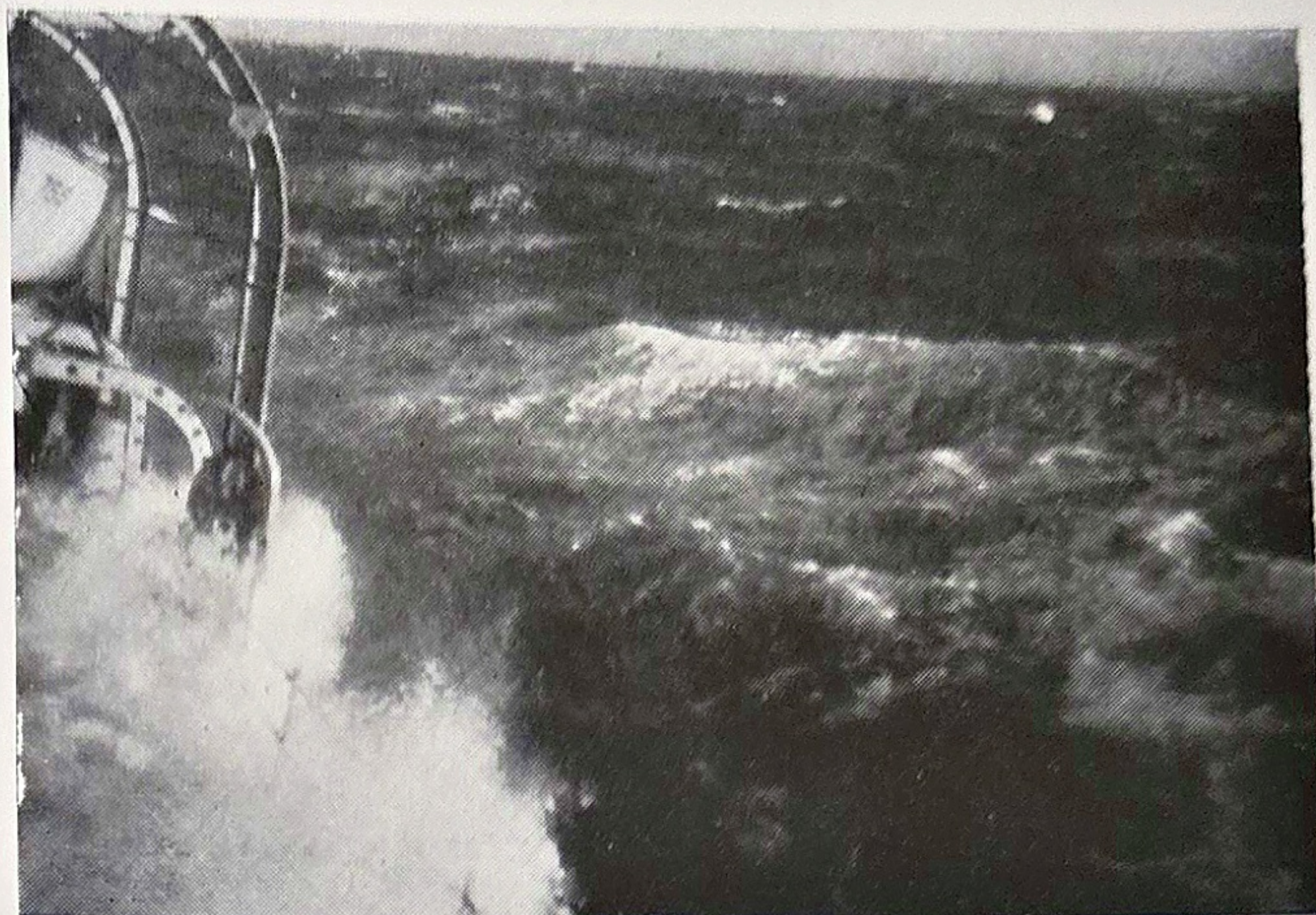
**A Good Time Was
Had by All**

Goodbye to Pearl Harbor . . .

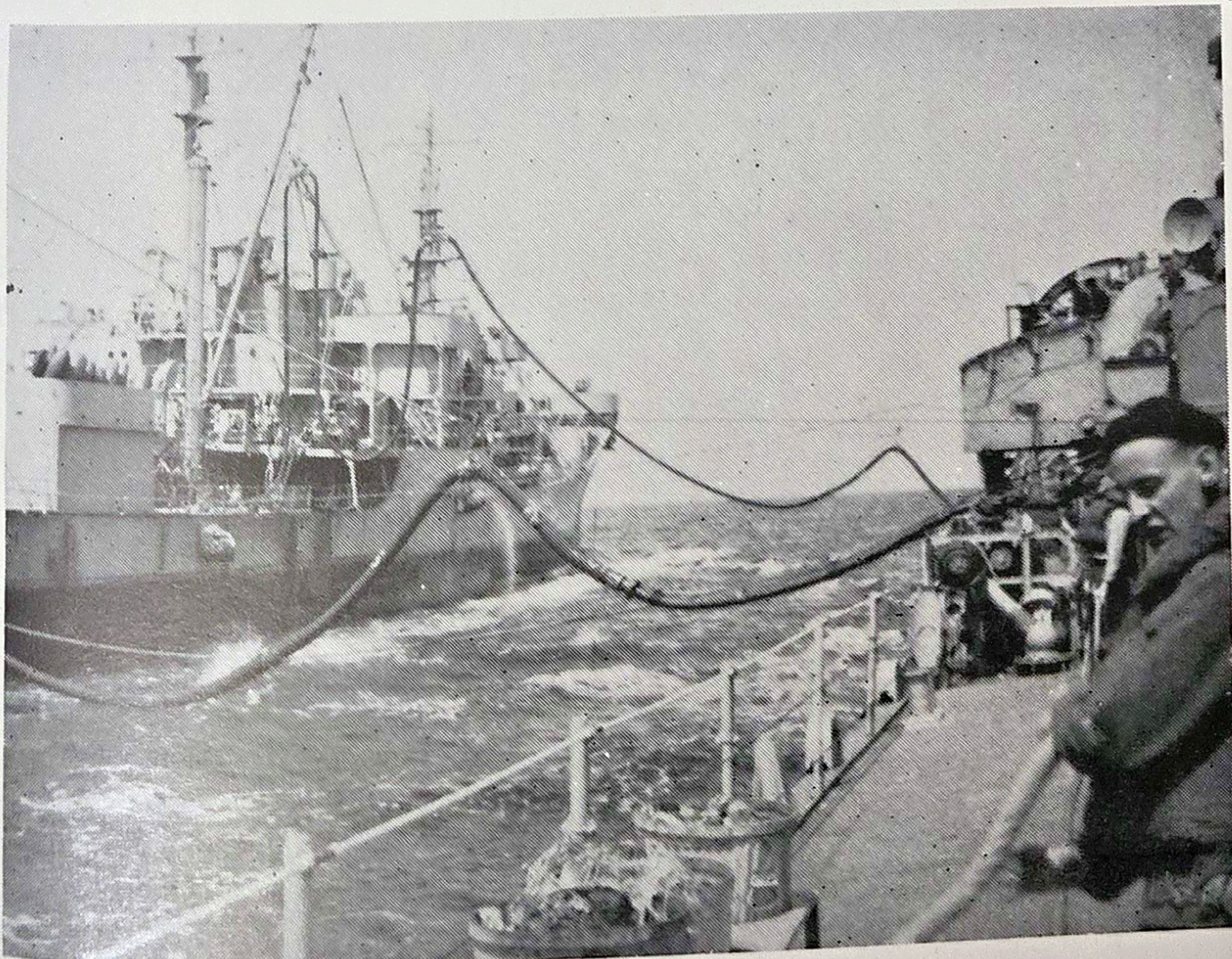


and Preparations
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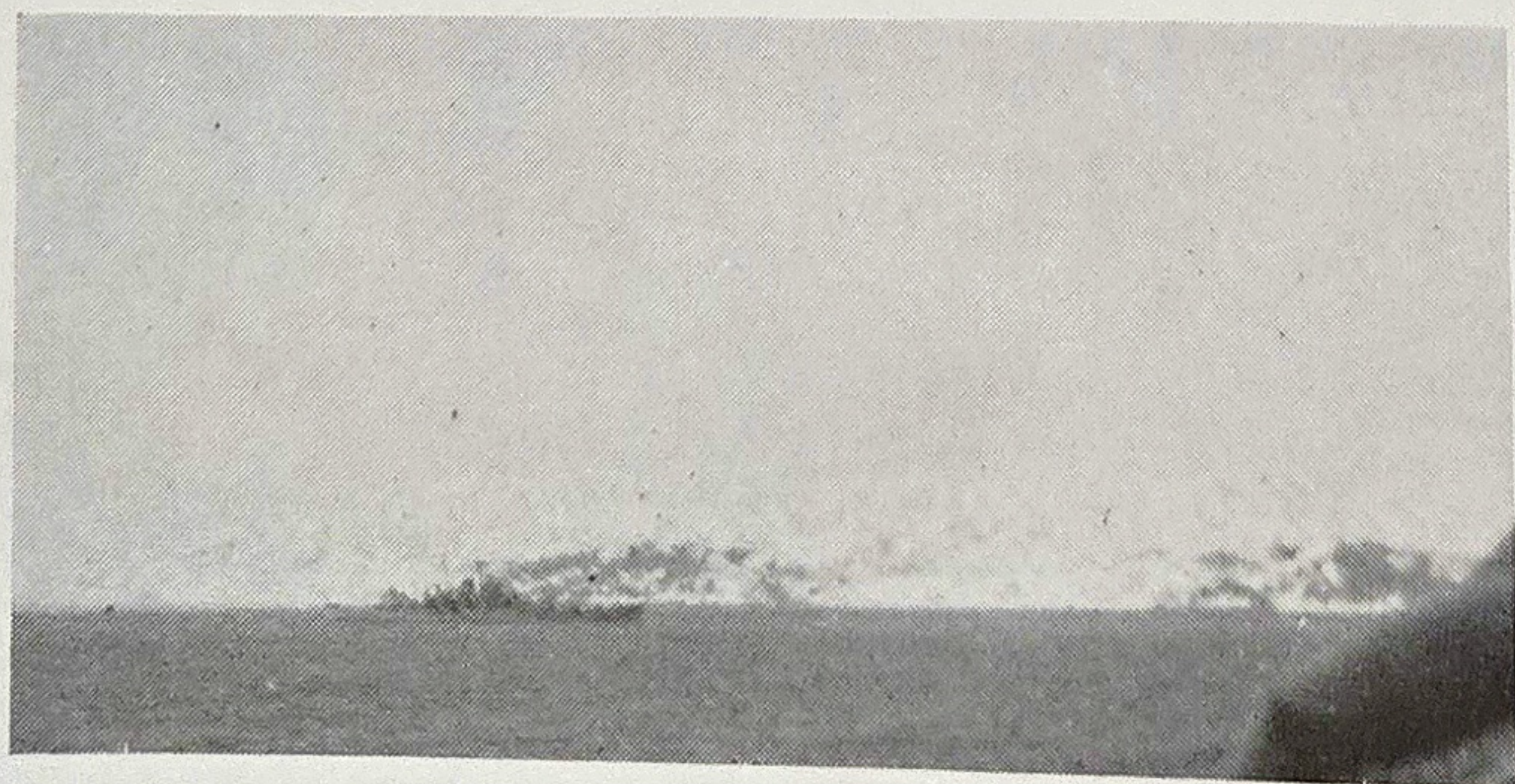
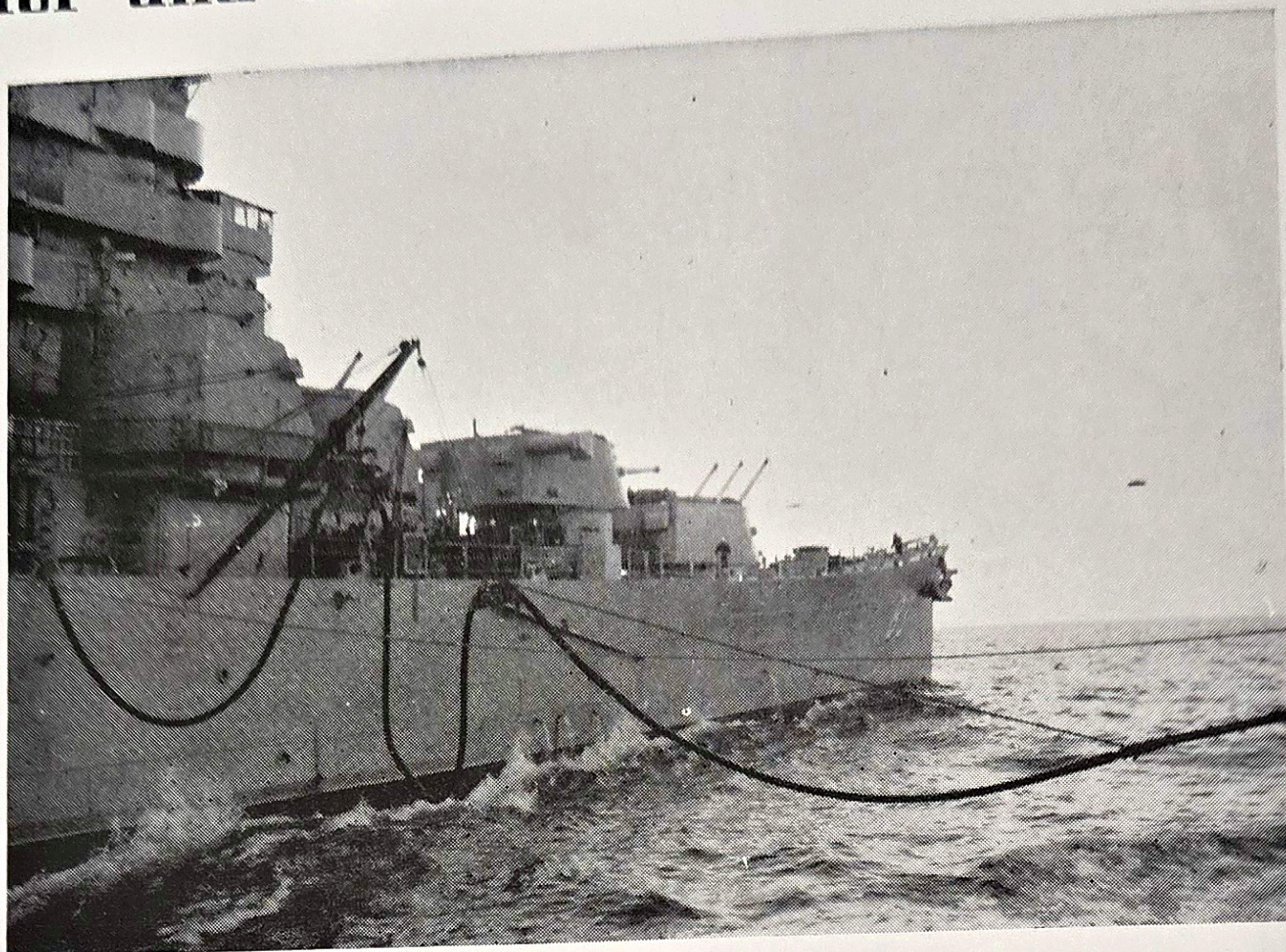
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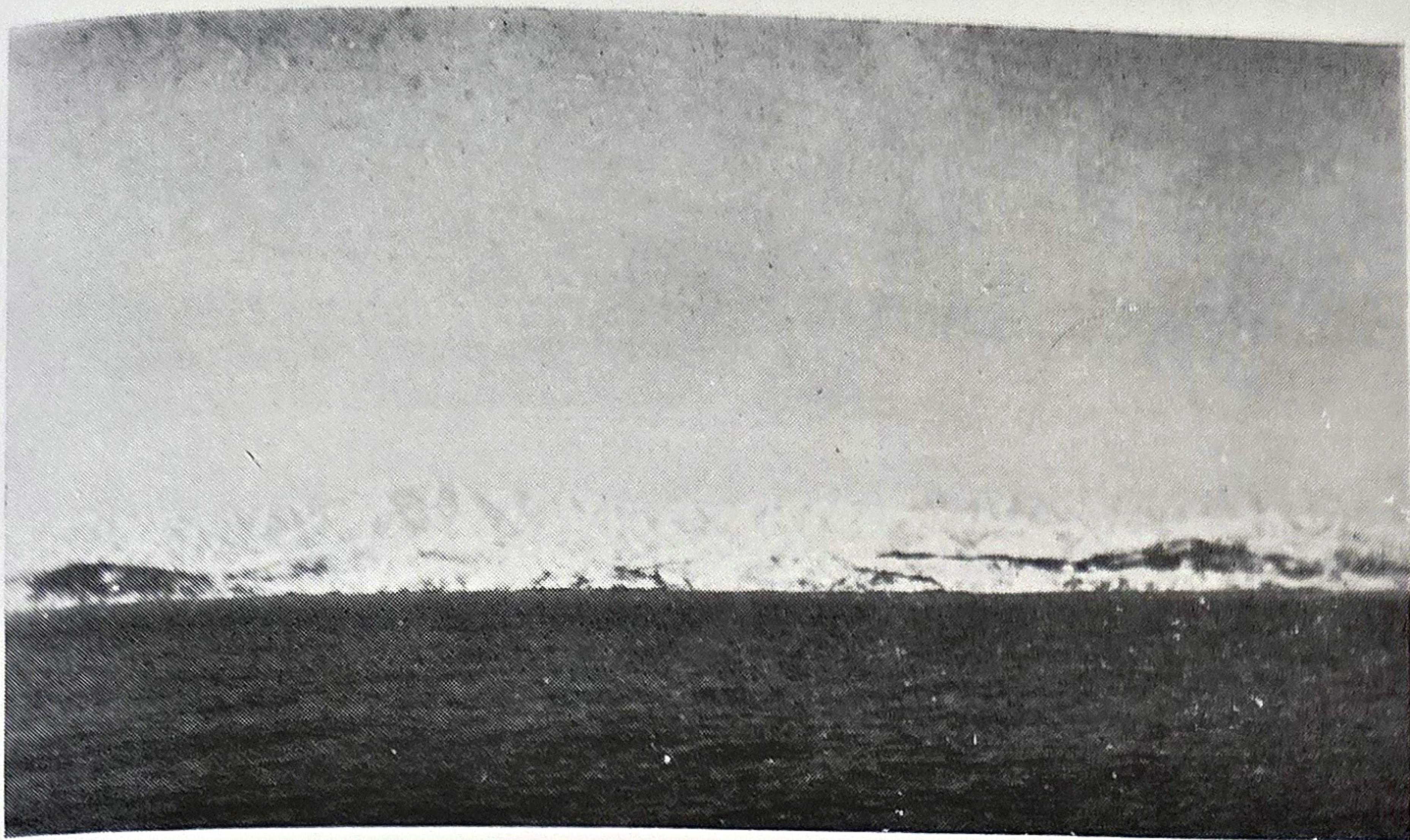
Fueling at Sea



Operating on Strikes with the Cruisers Rochester and Manchester and Battleship Iowa



Korean Winters Are Cold . . .



Korean Coastline

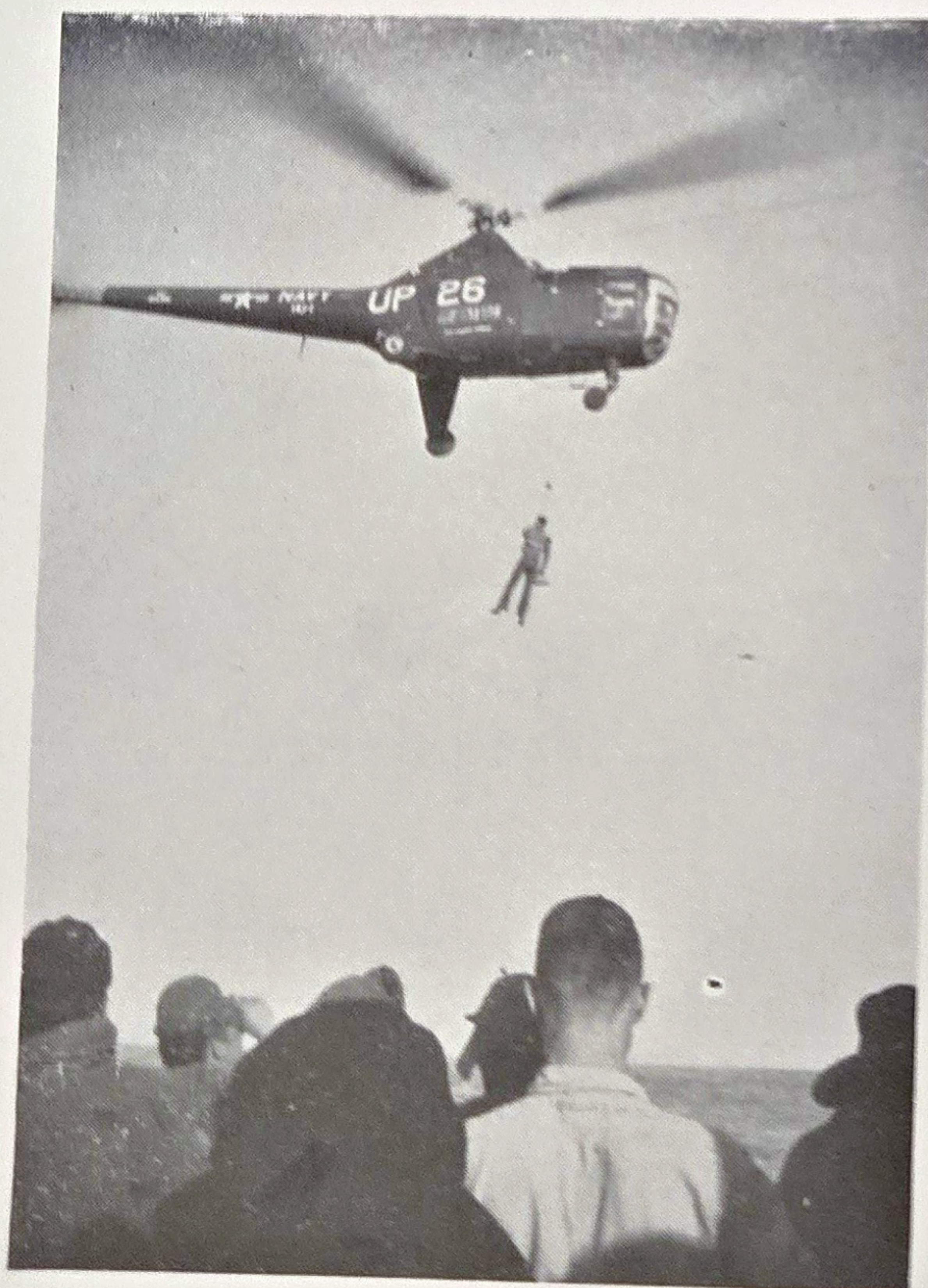




**Jehova's Rambolers
Serenading a Carrier**



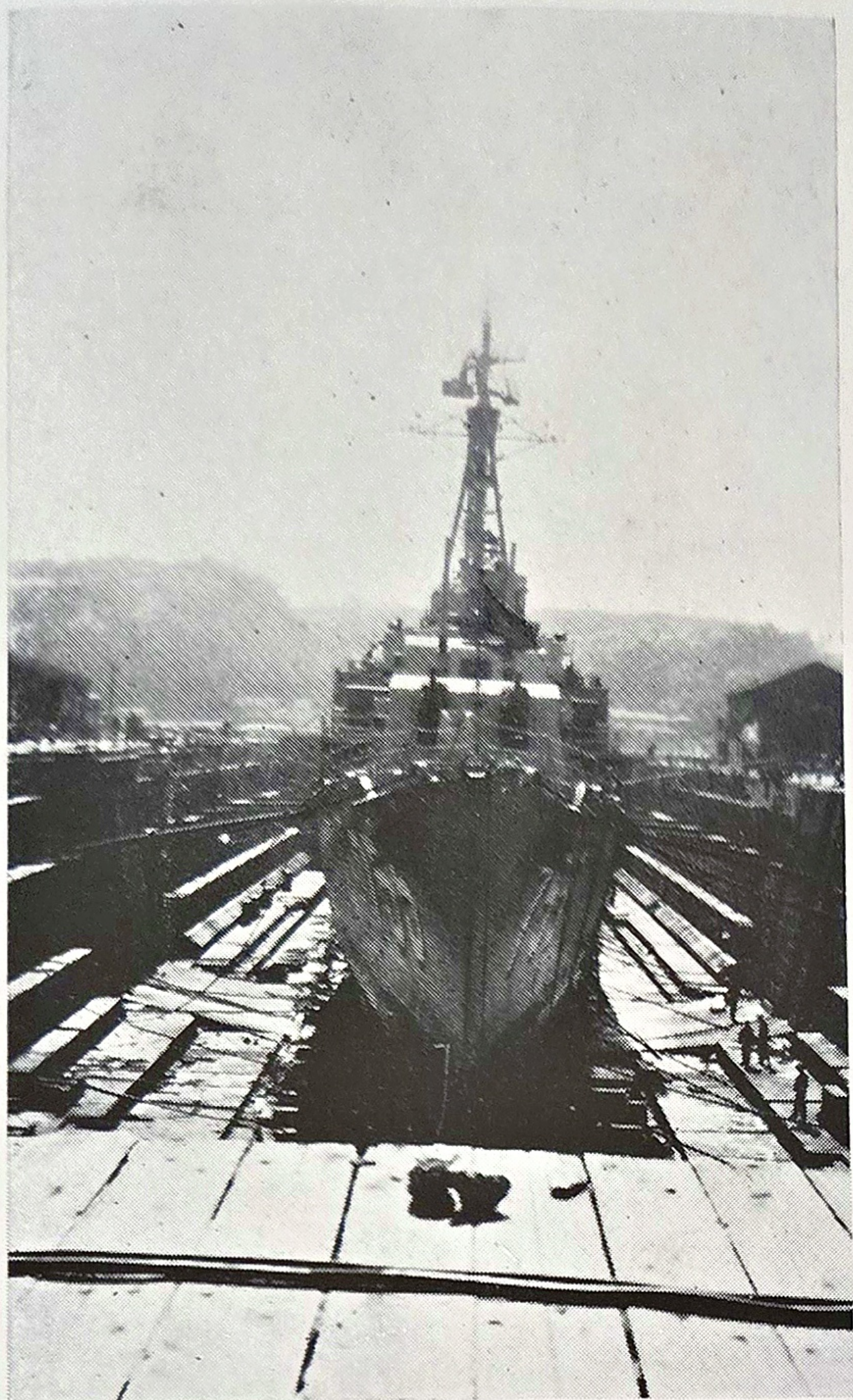
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**Receiving Passenger
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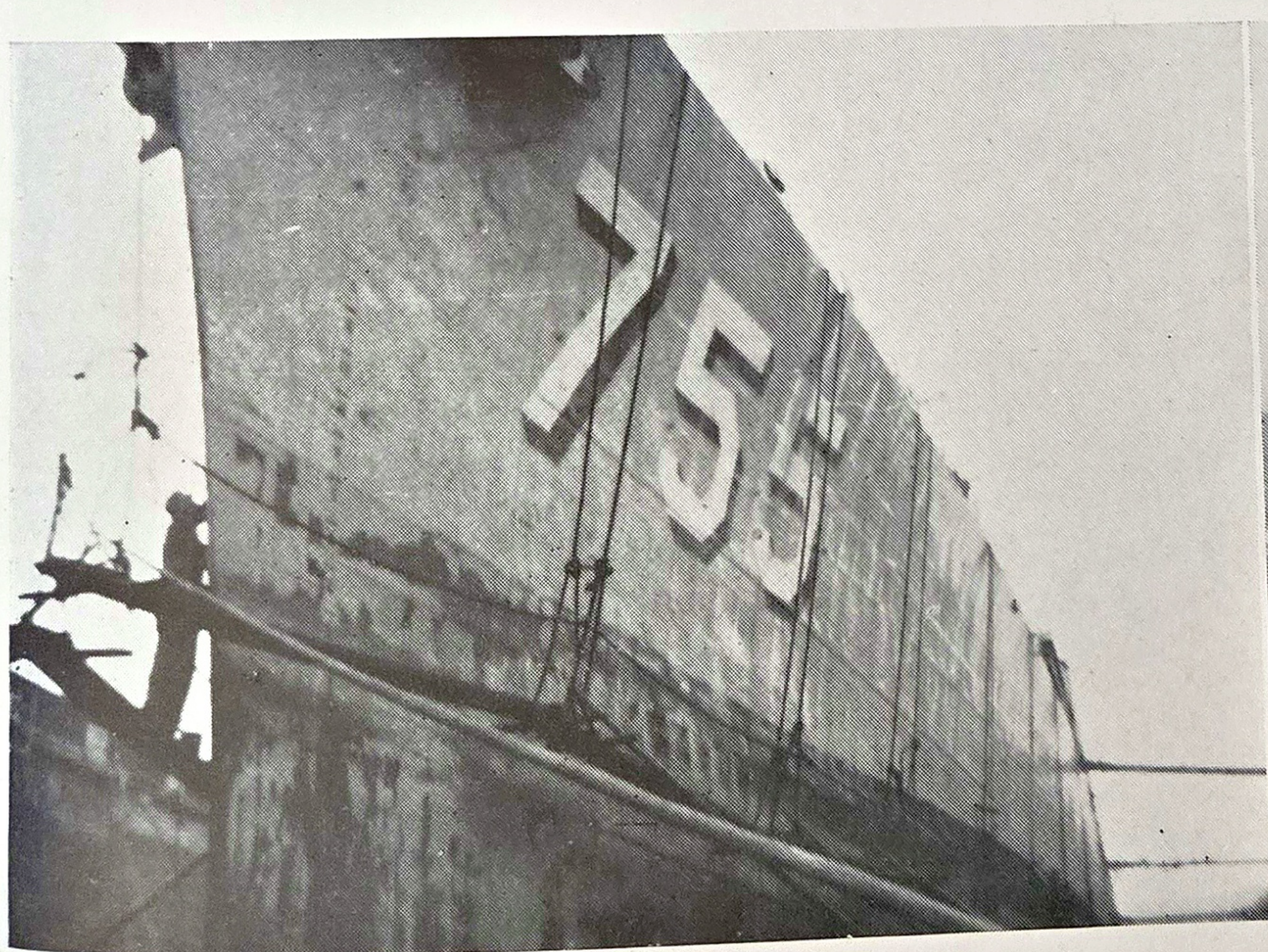
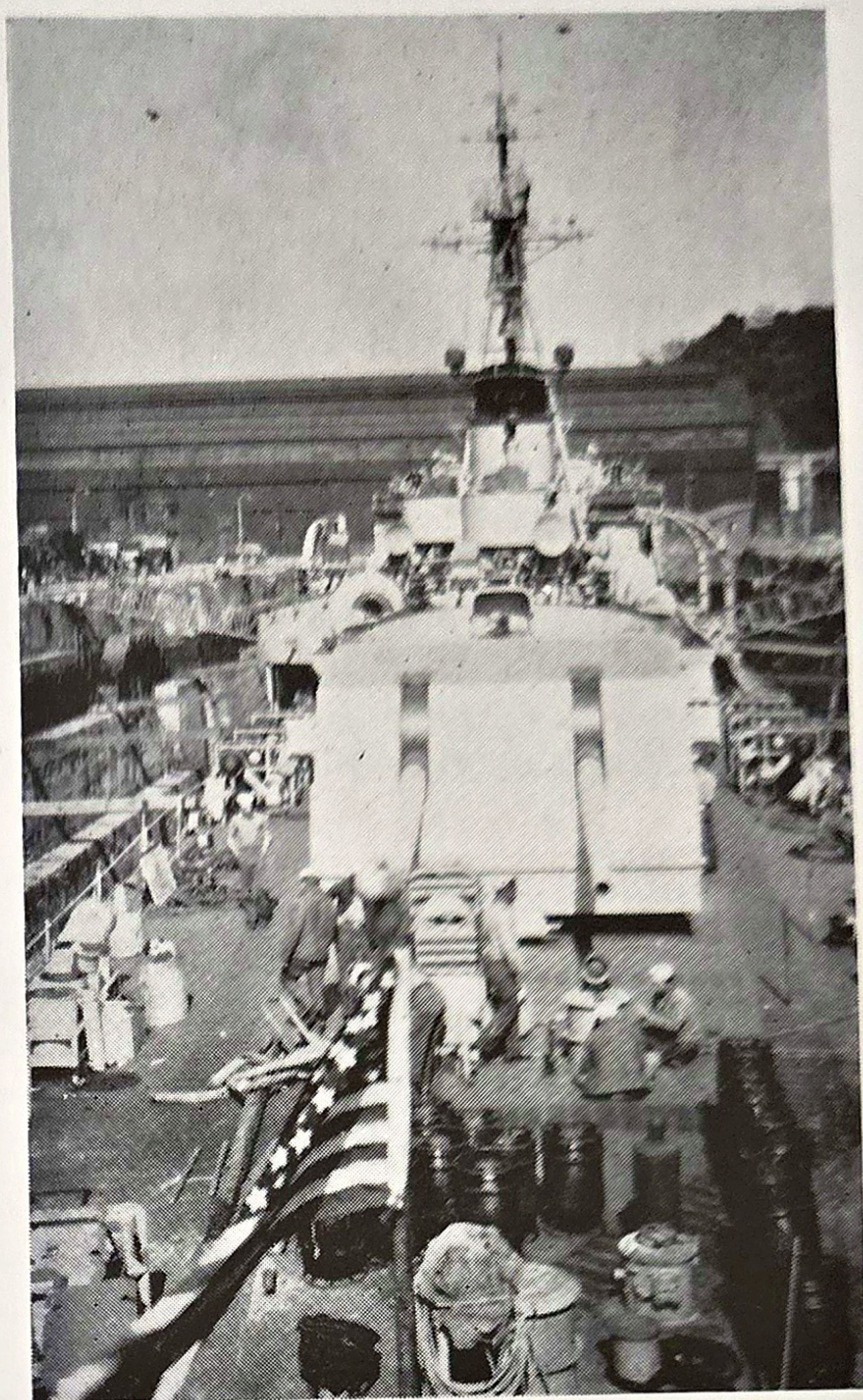
In Drydock at Yokosuka



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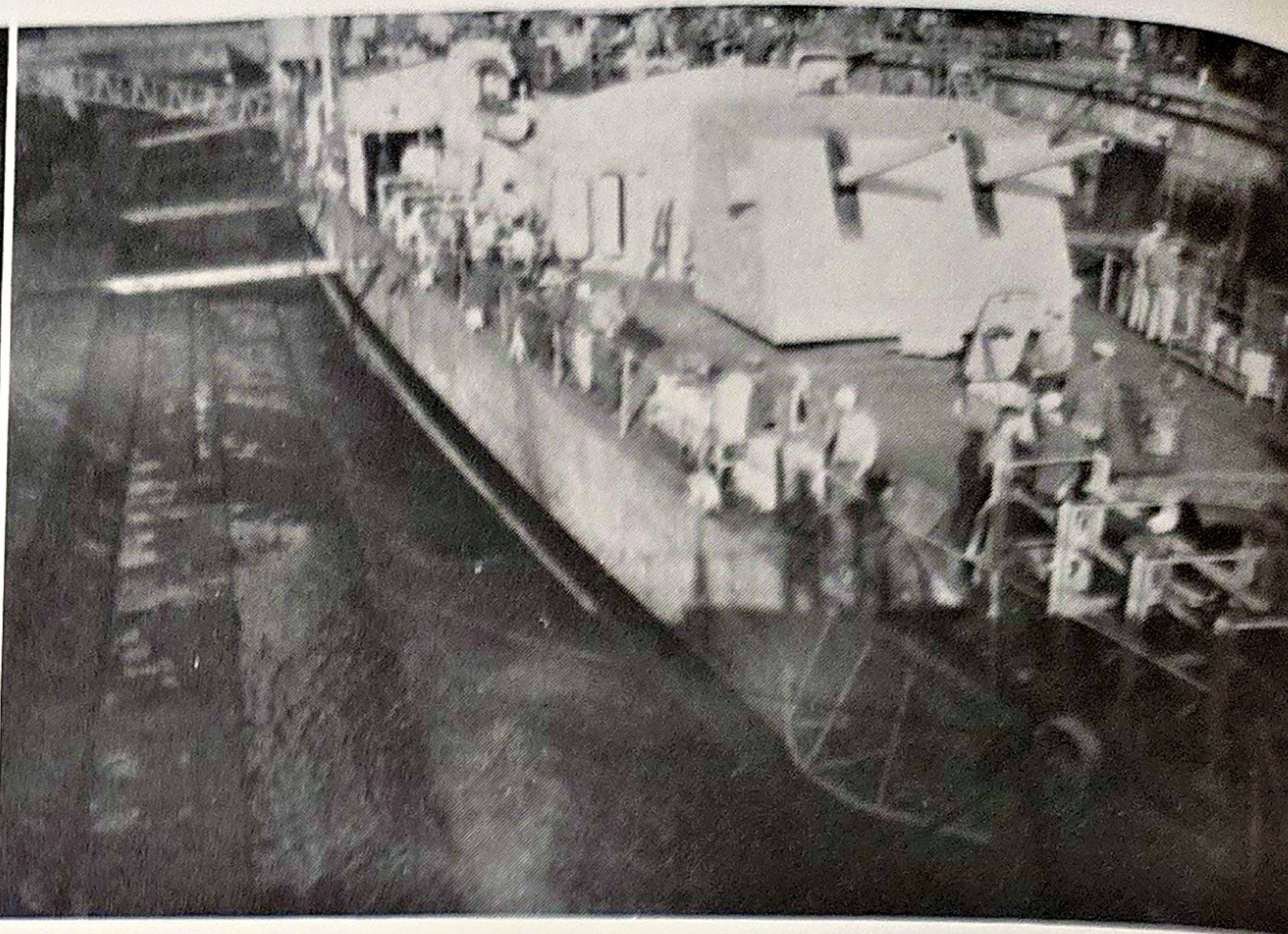
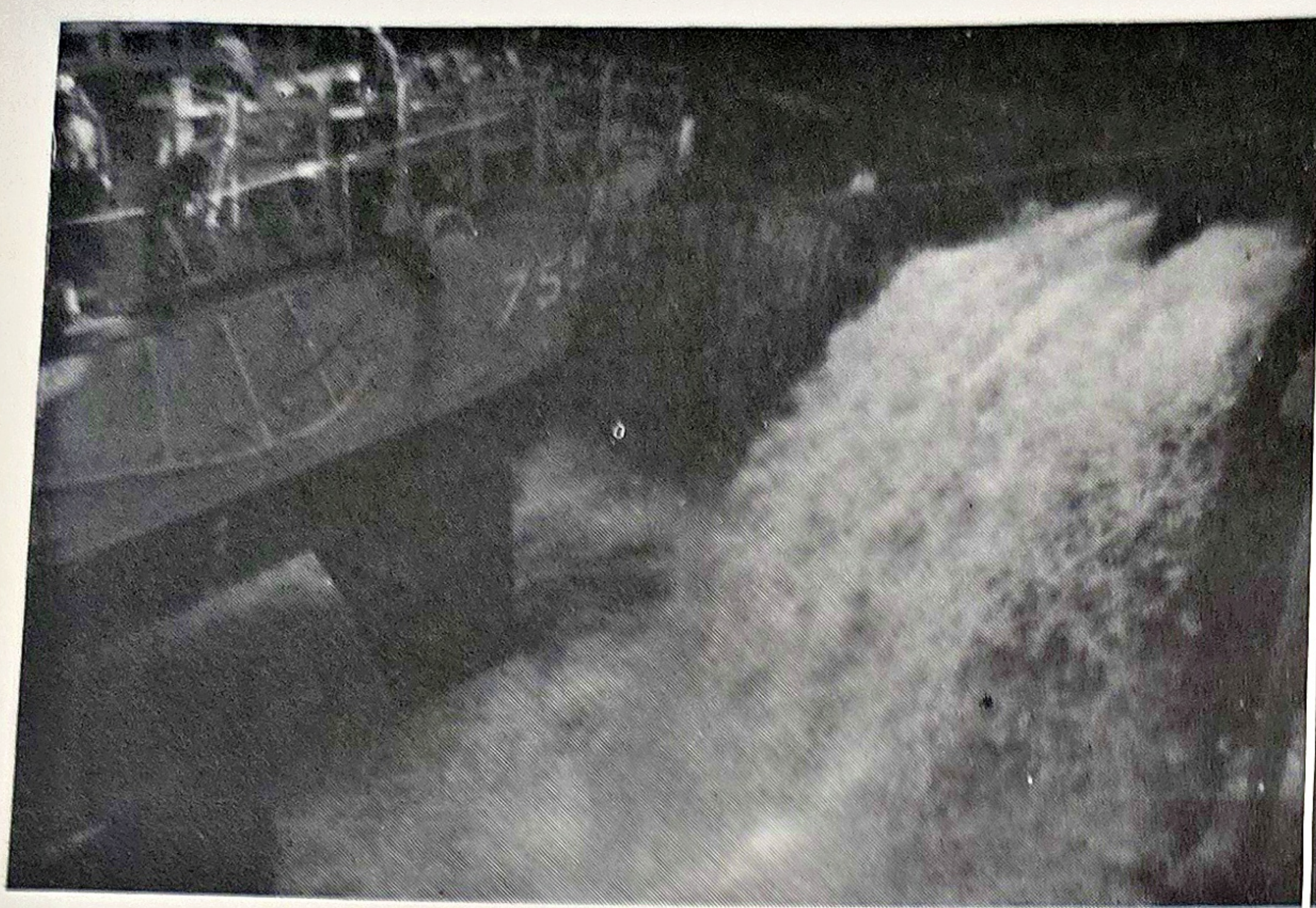
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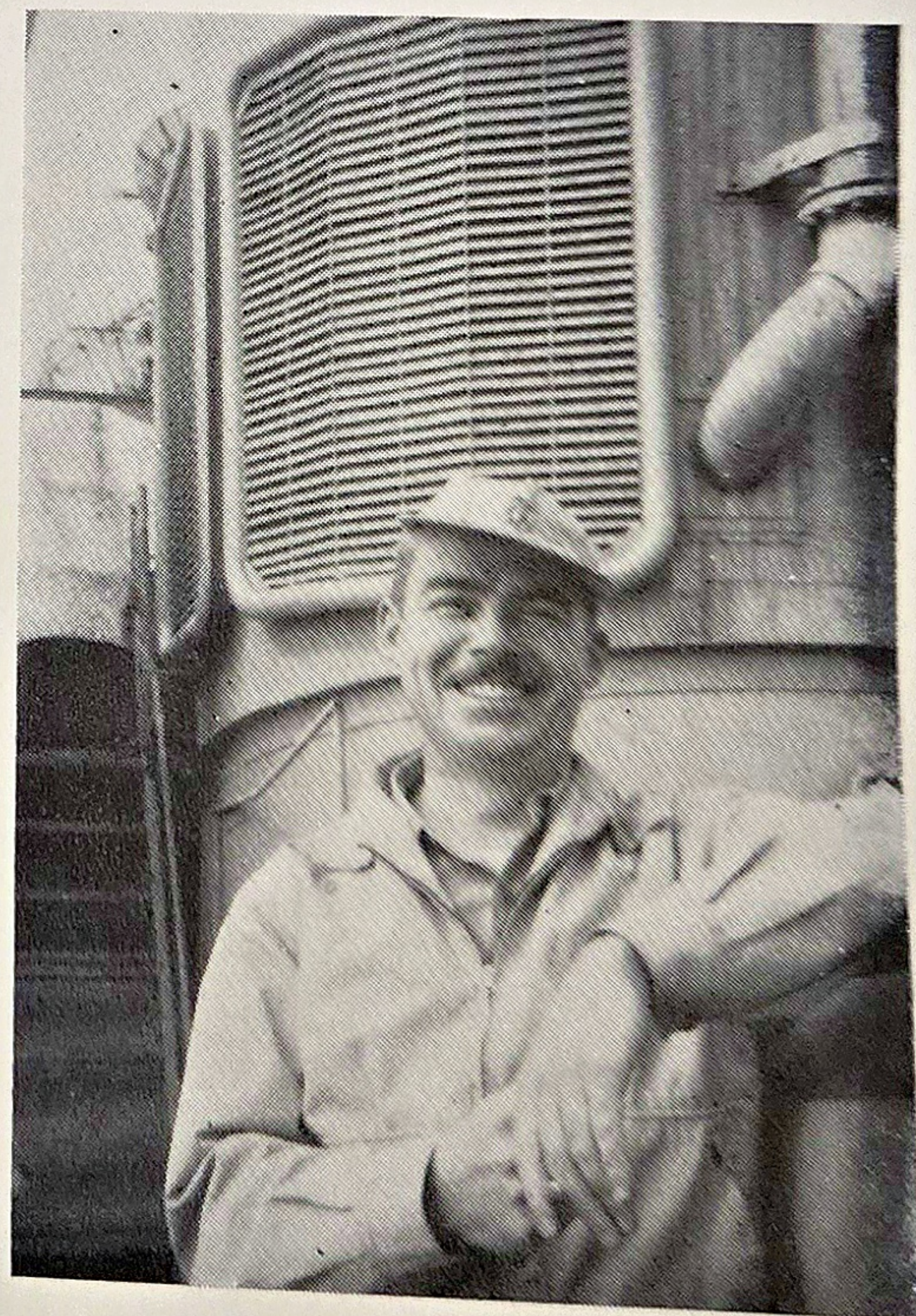
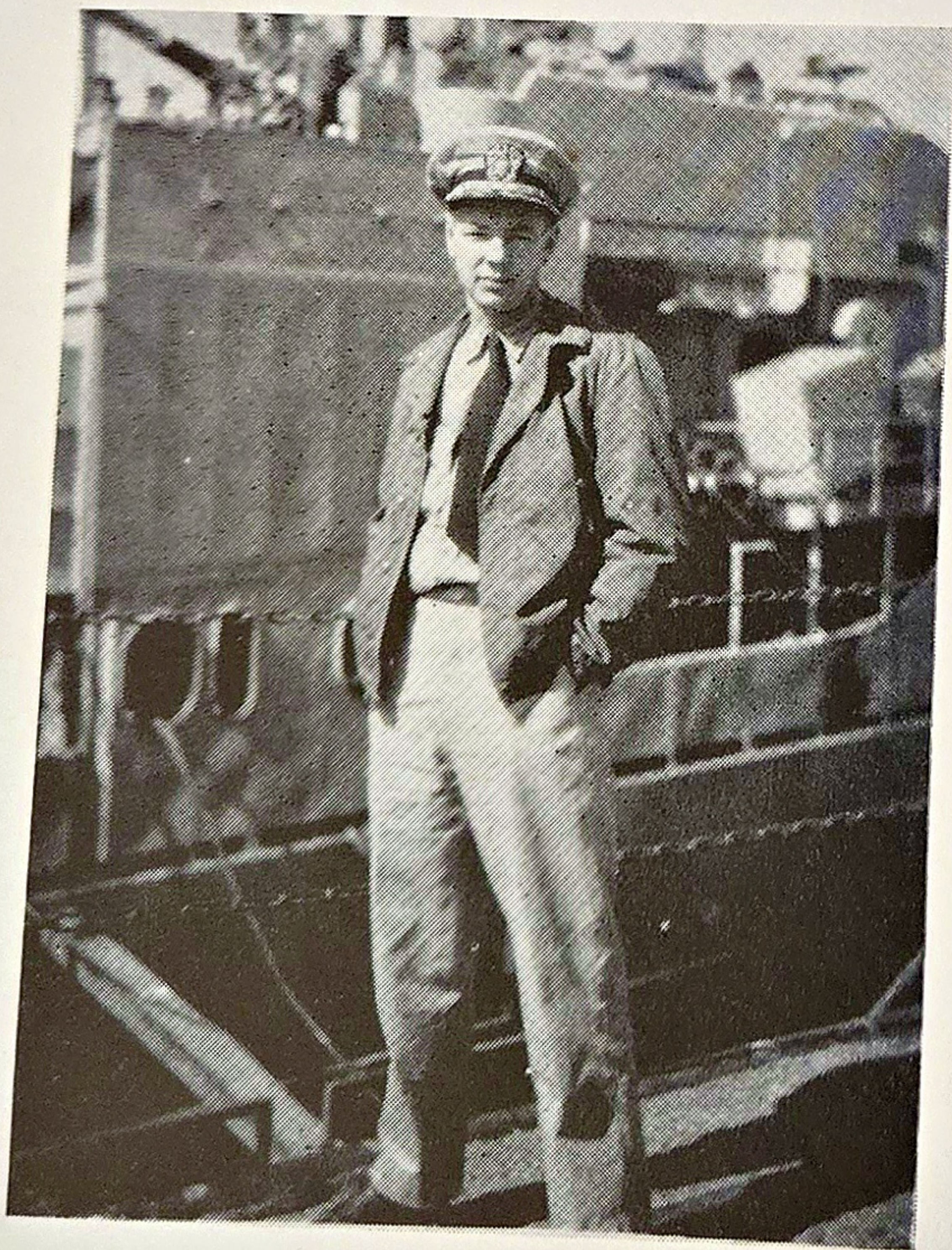
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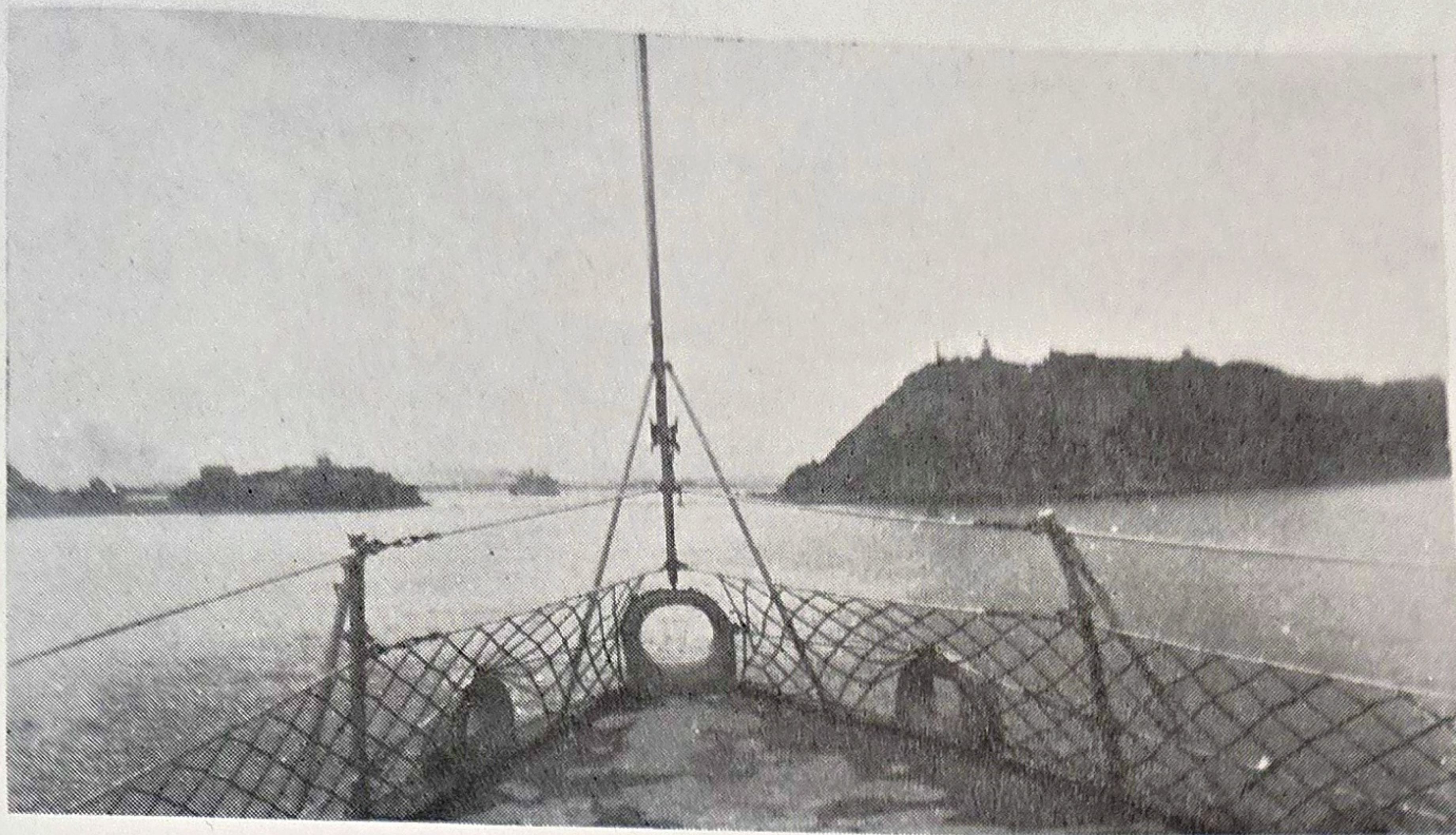


Flooding the Dock



Men of Distinction

Formosa



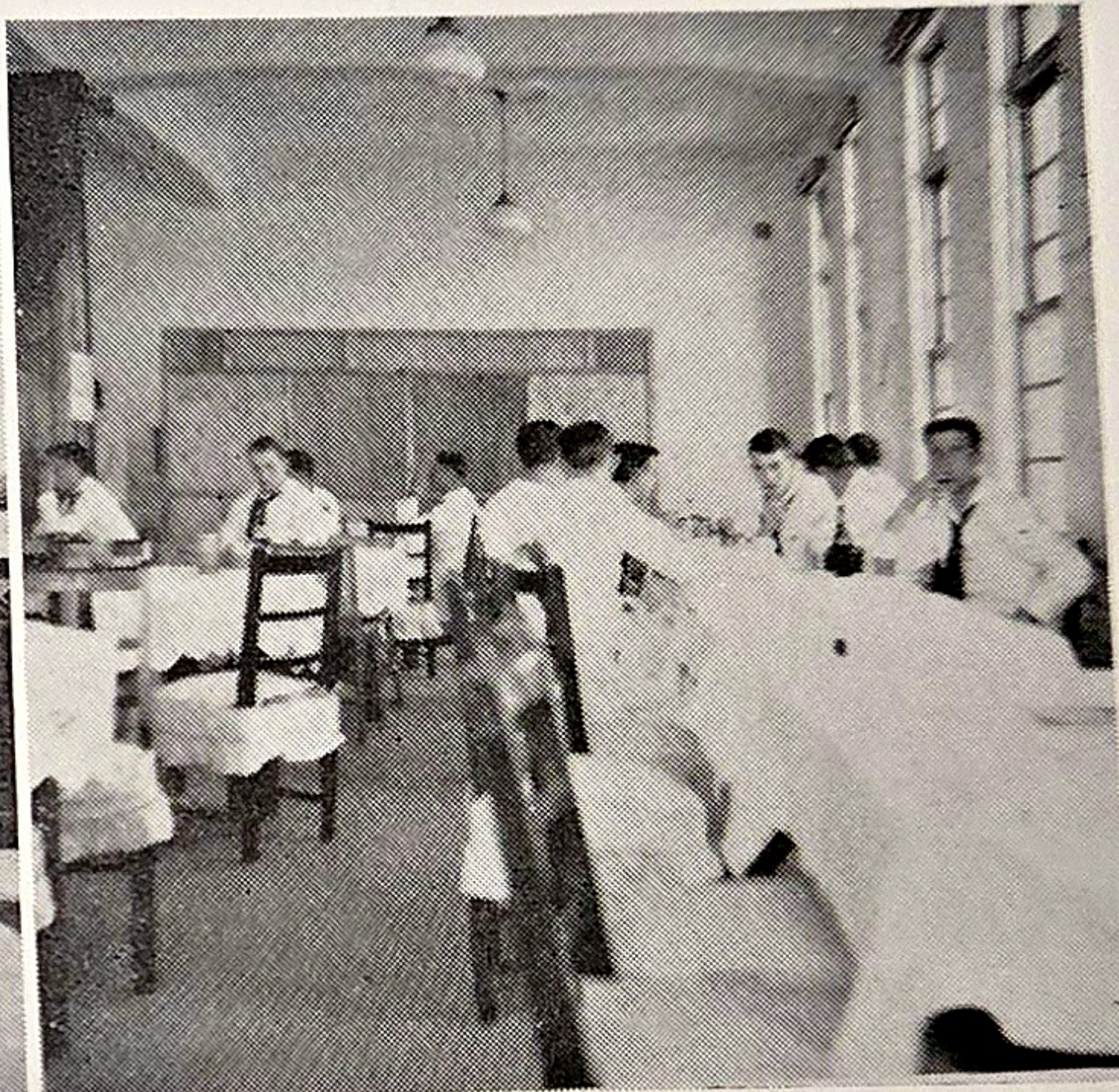
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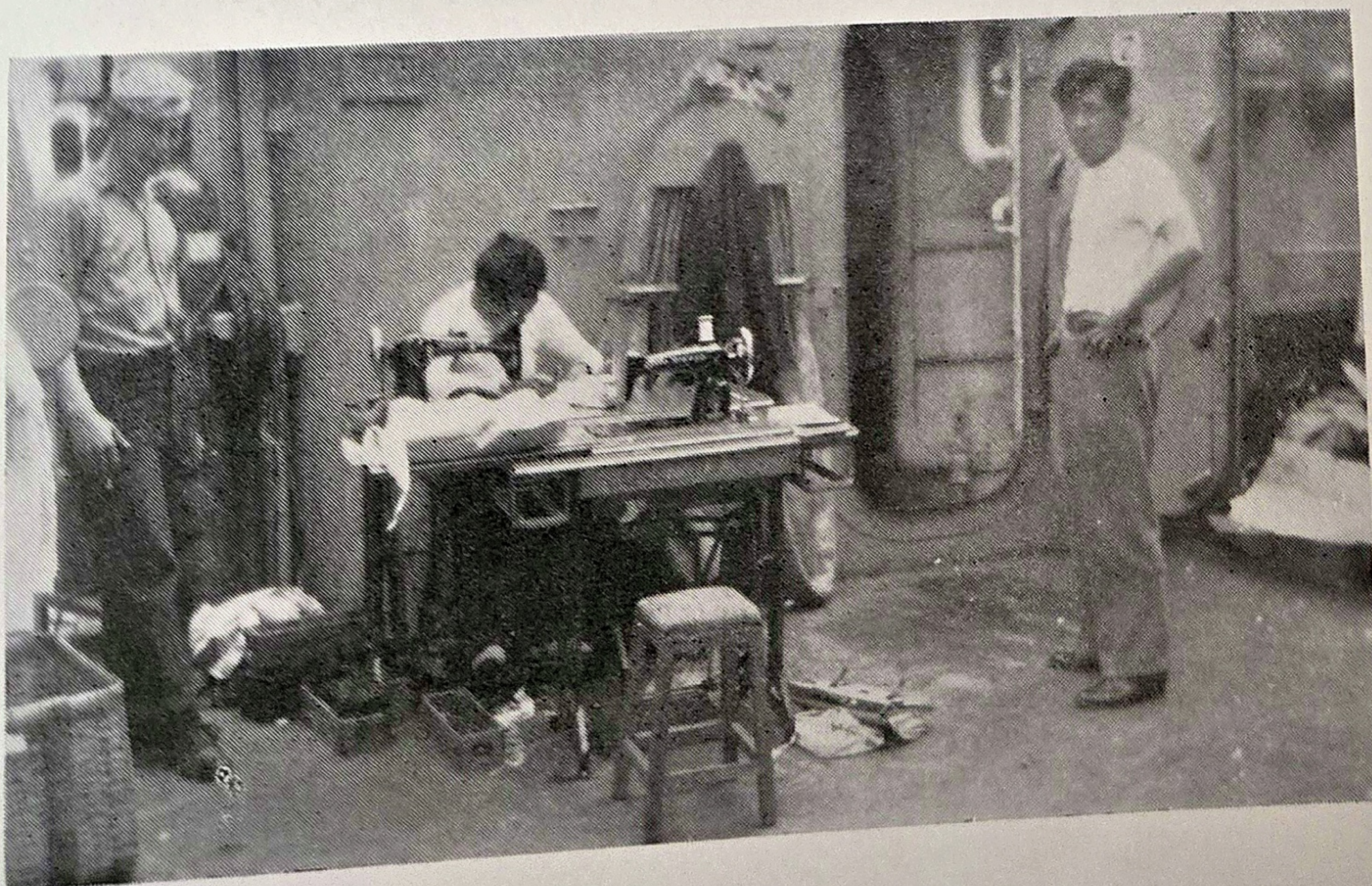
Bum Boats



The Village

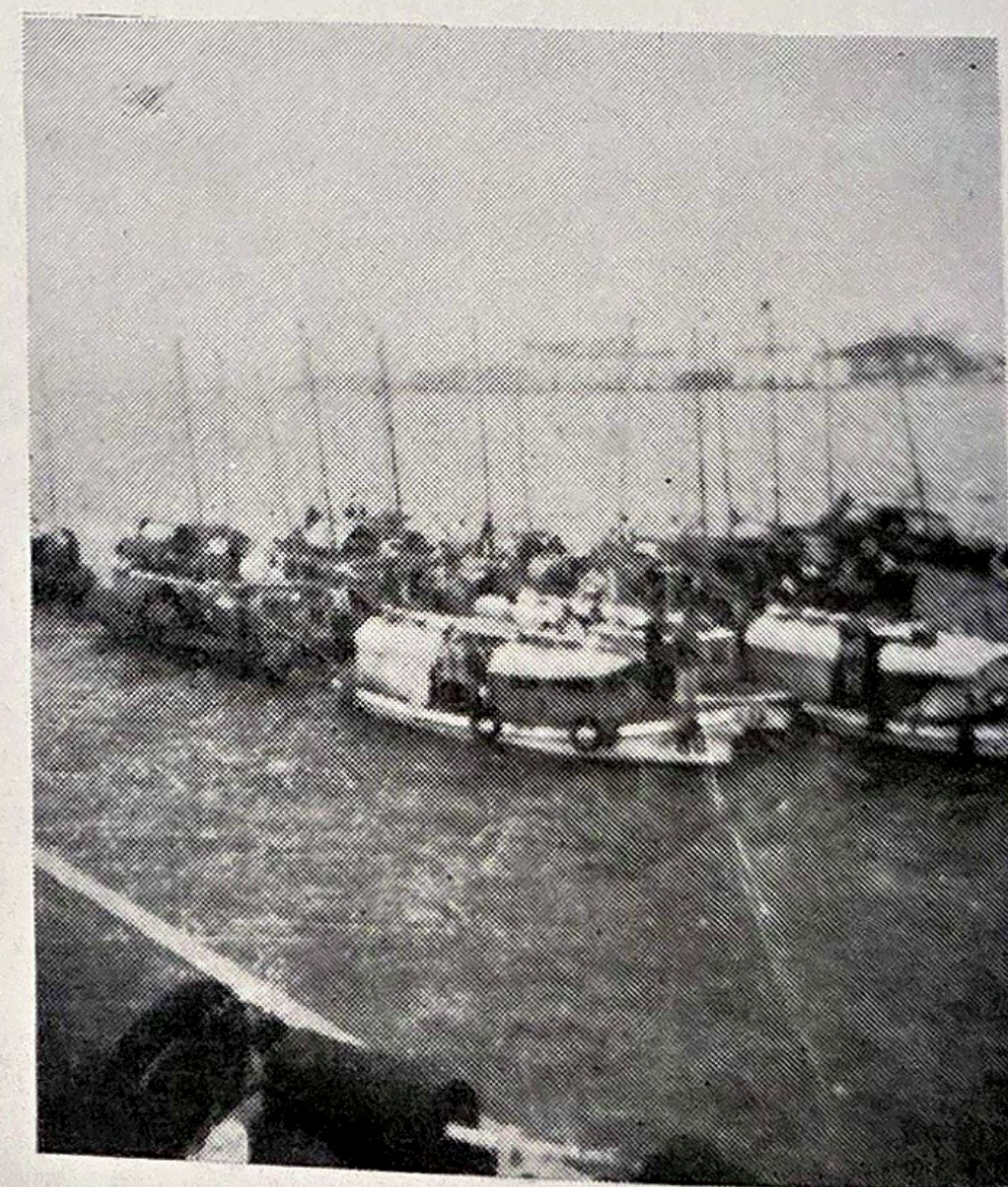
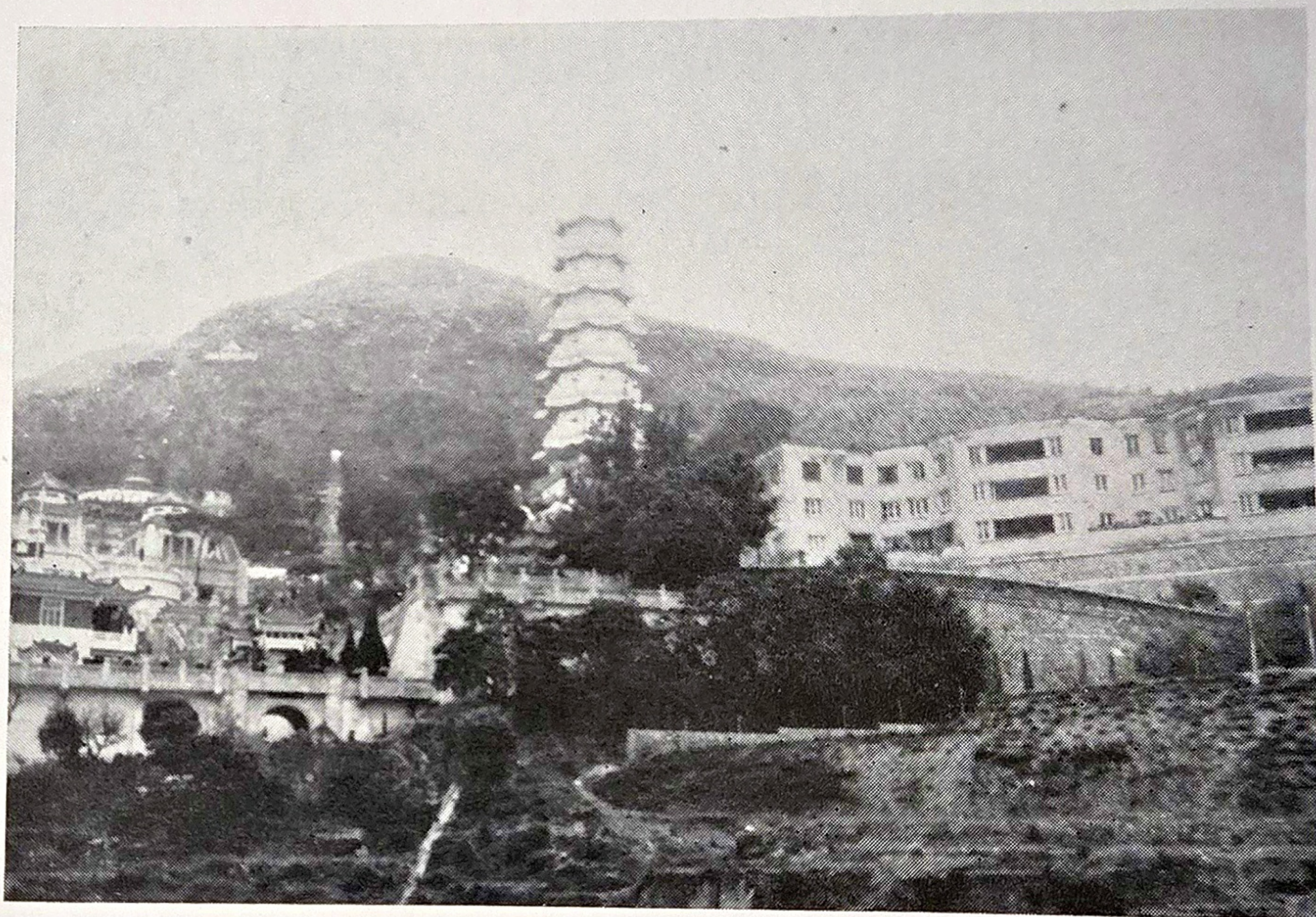


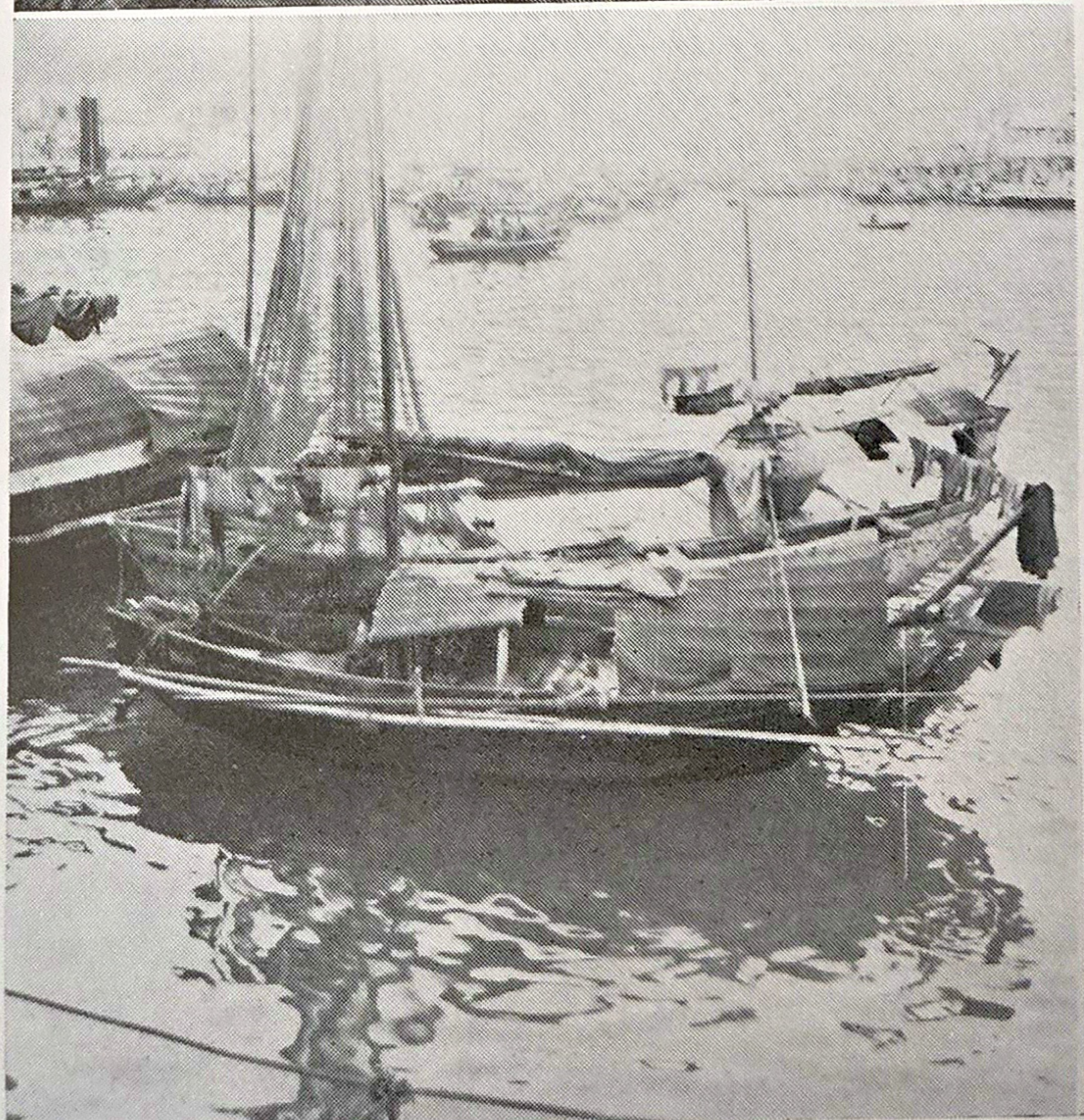
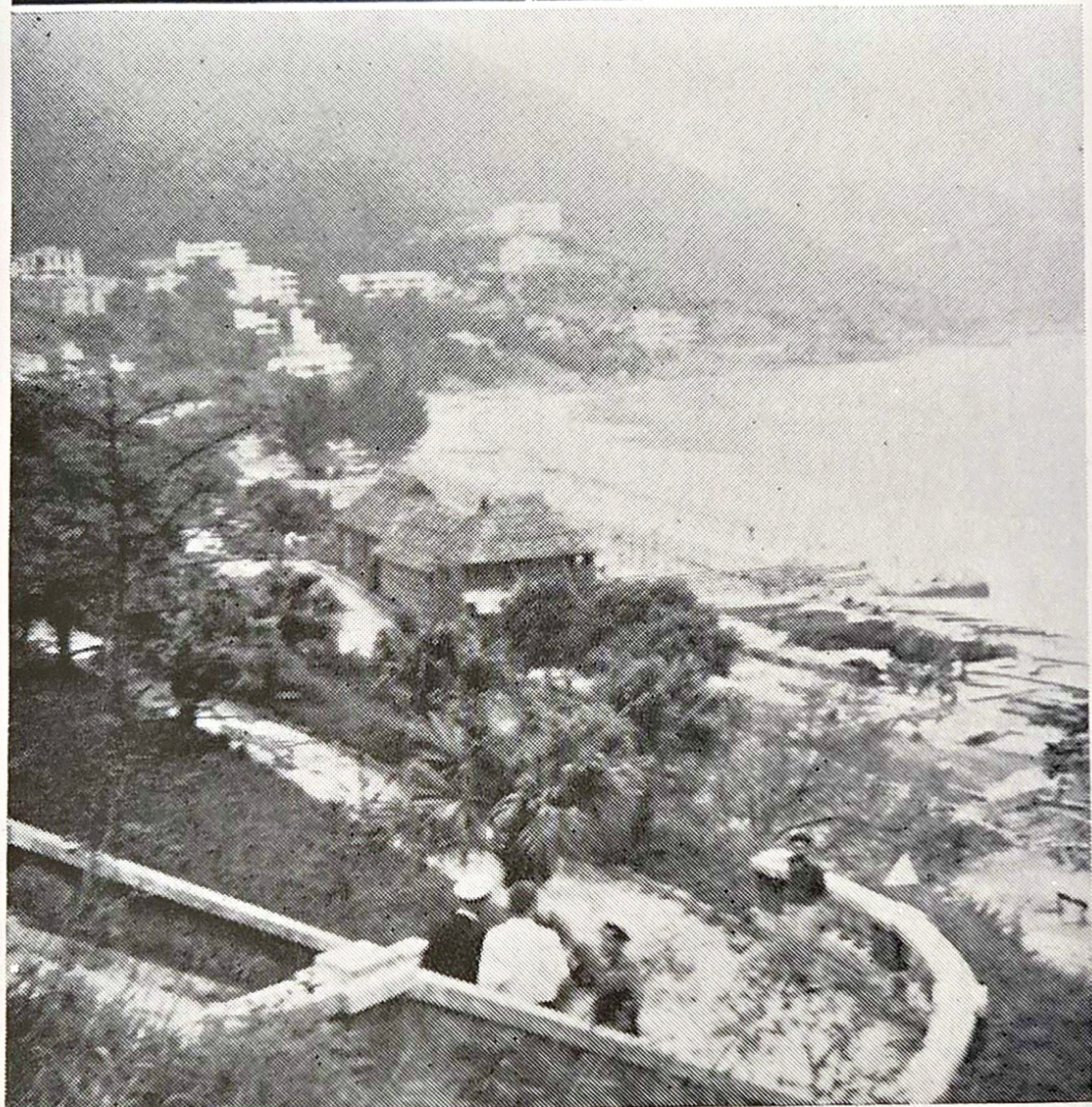
Em Club





The Visit to Hong Kong



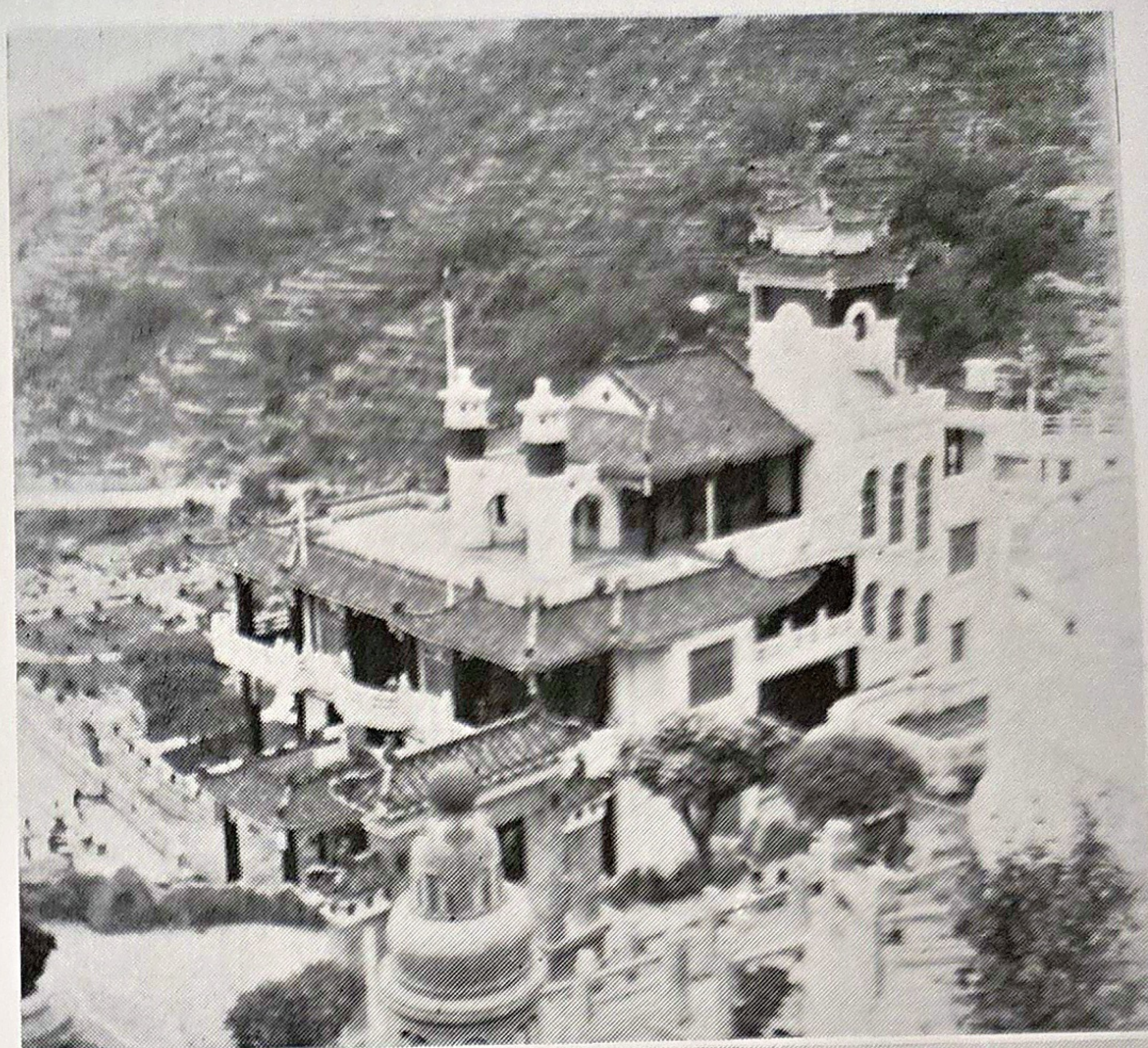


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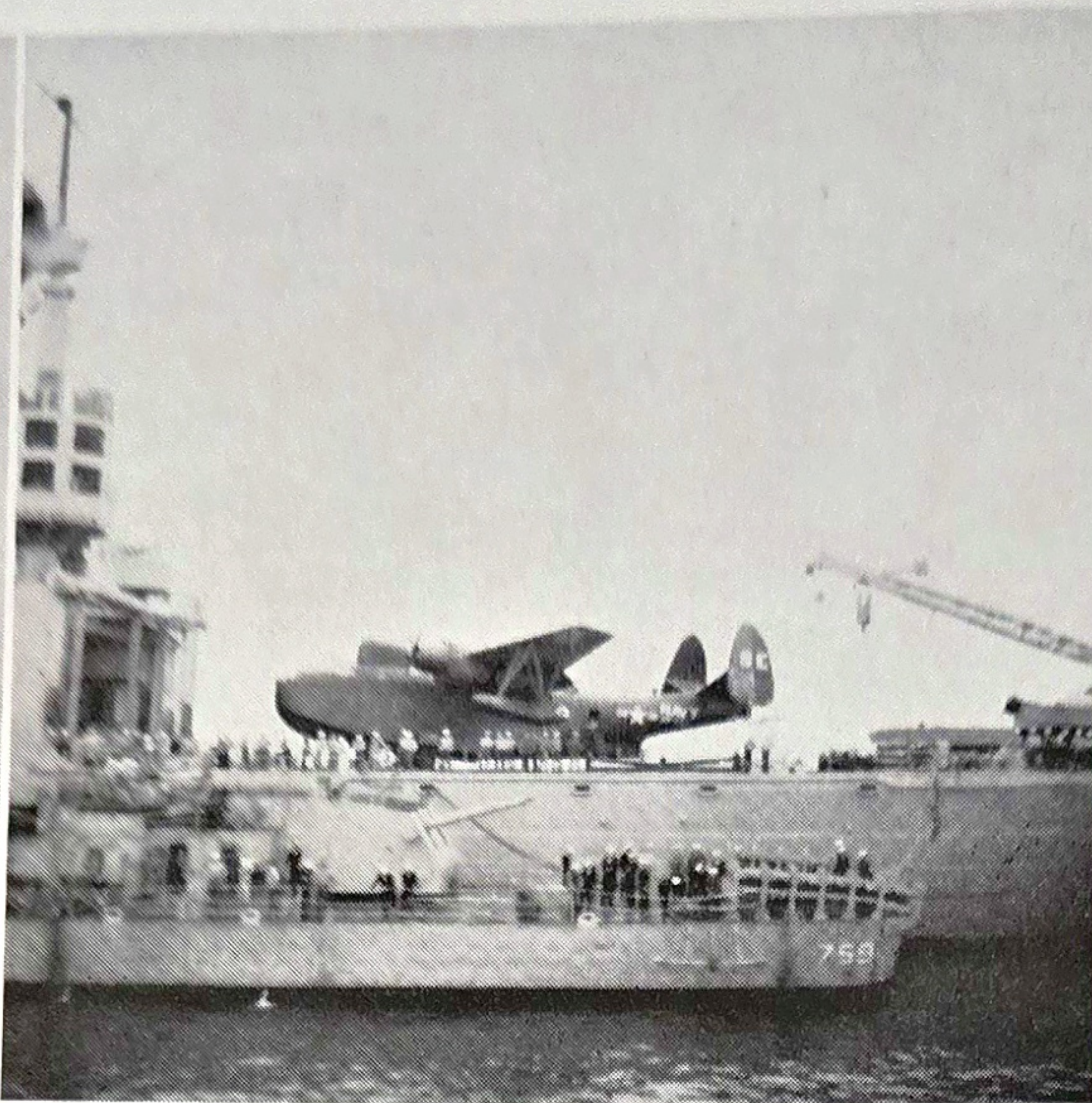
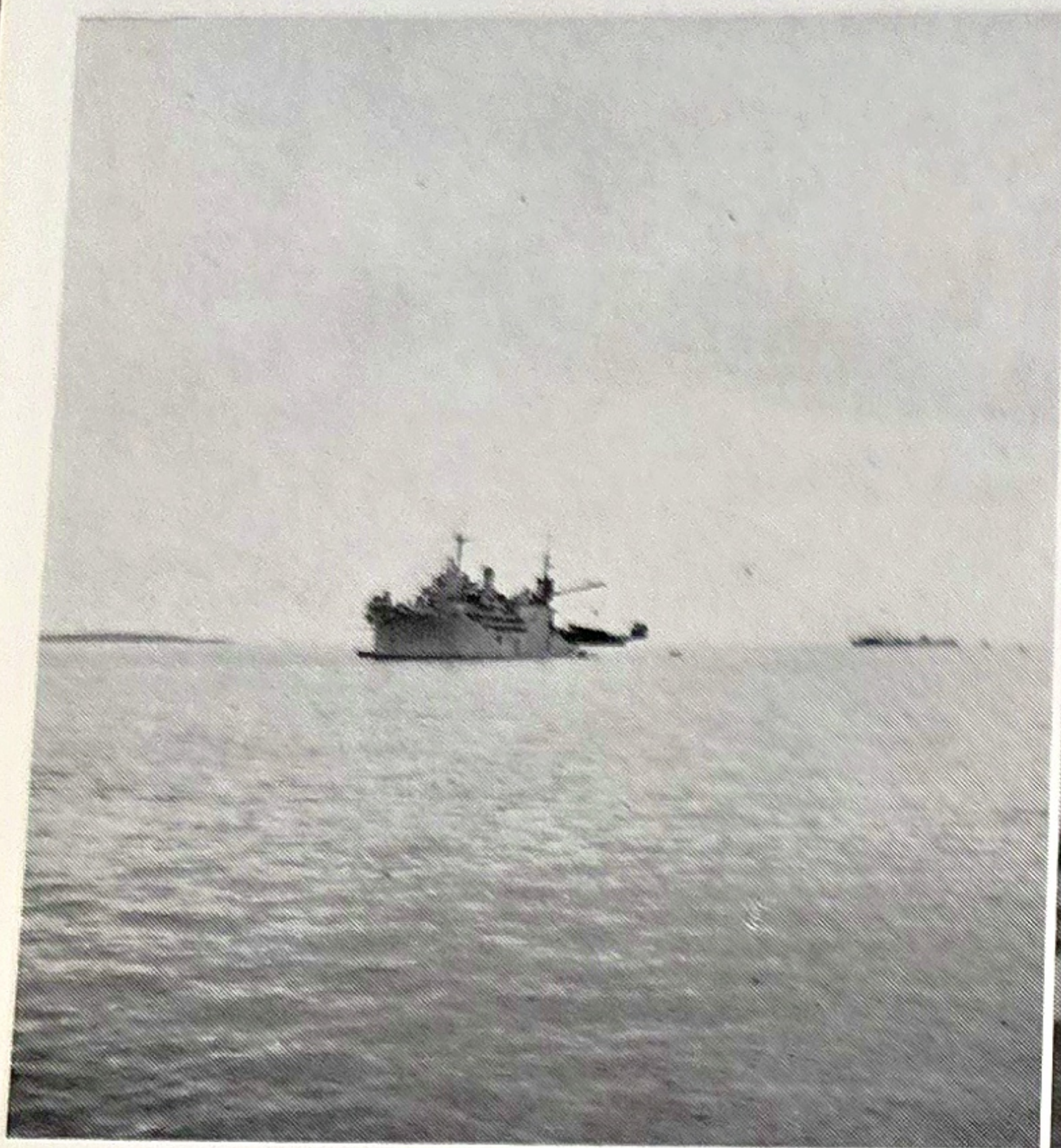
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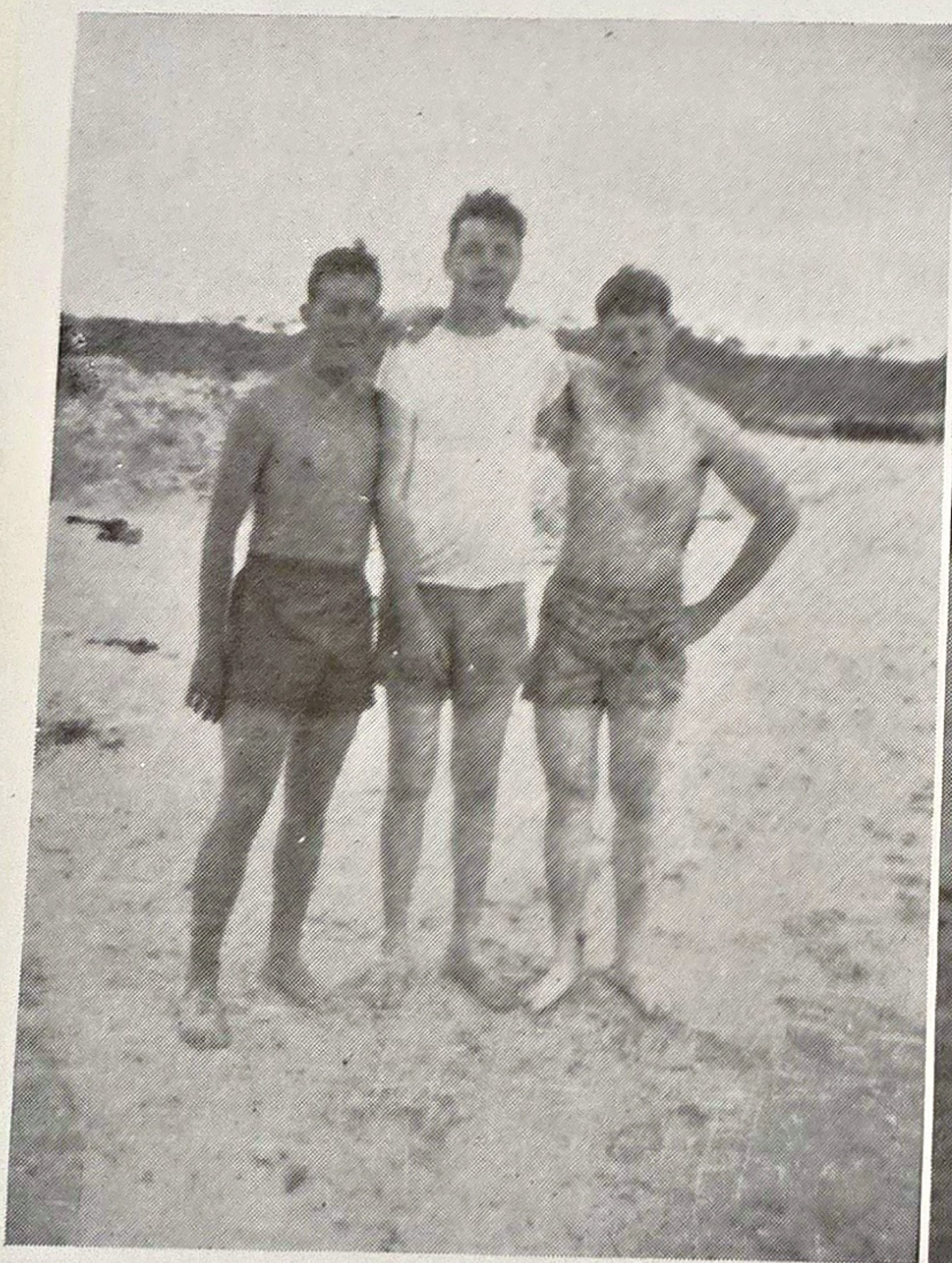


Okinawa



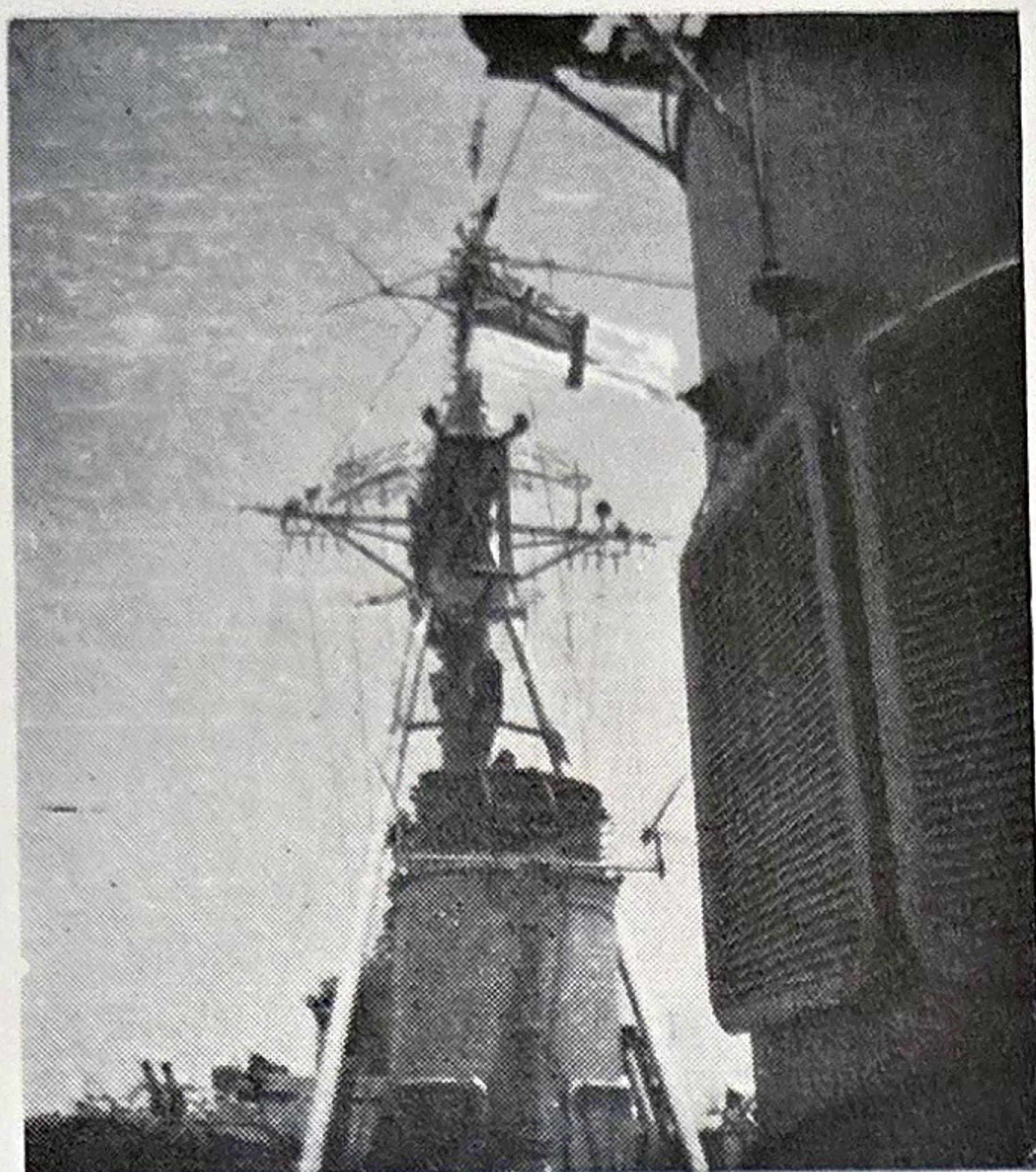
Pine Island, Lofberg, and CVE

On the Beach at Okinawa

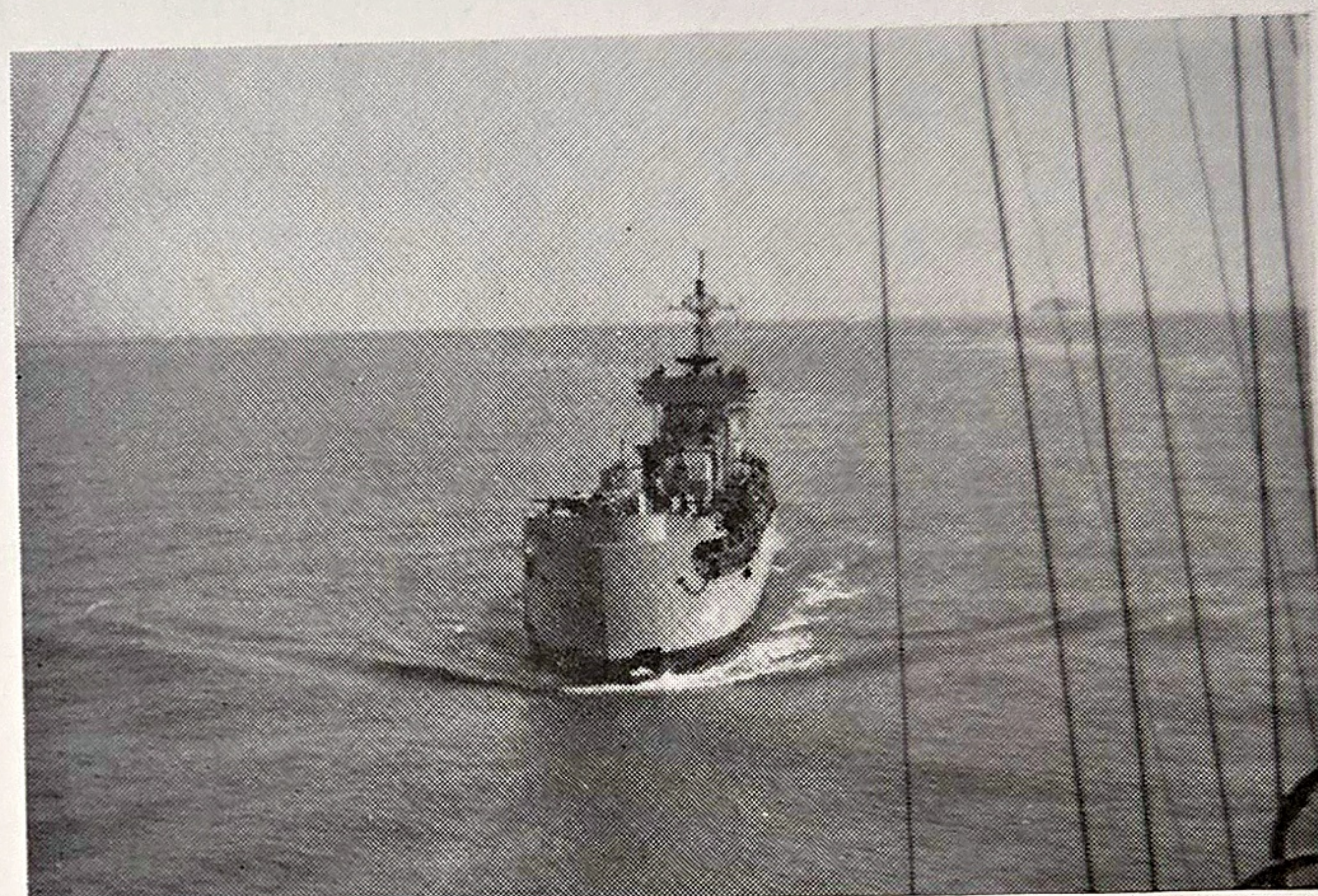
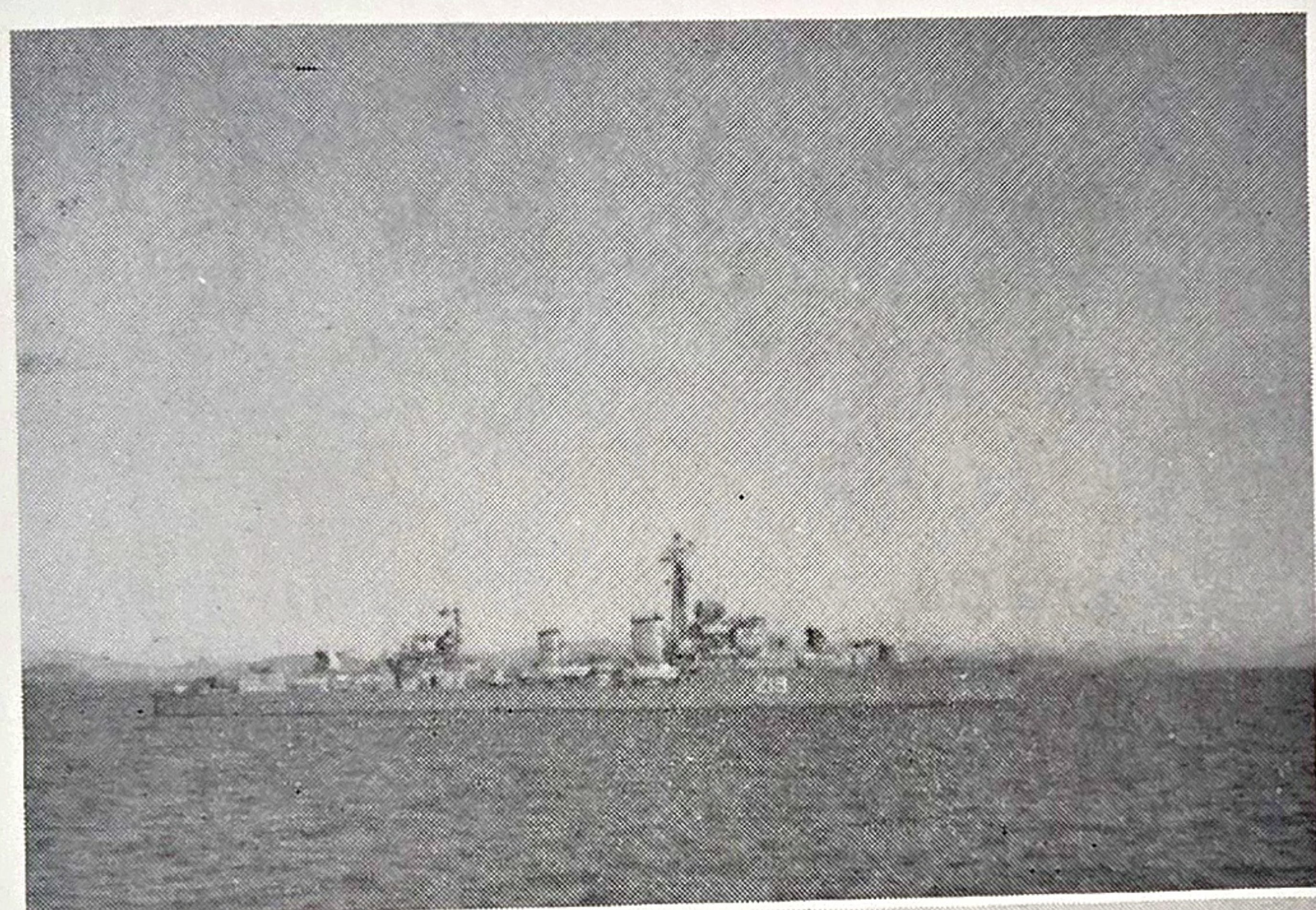


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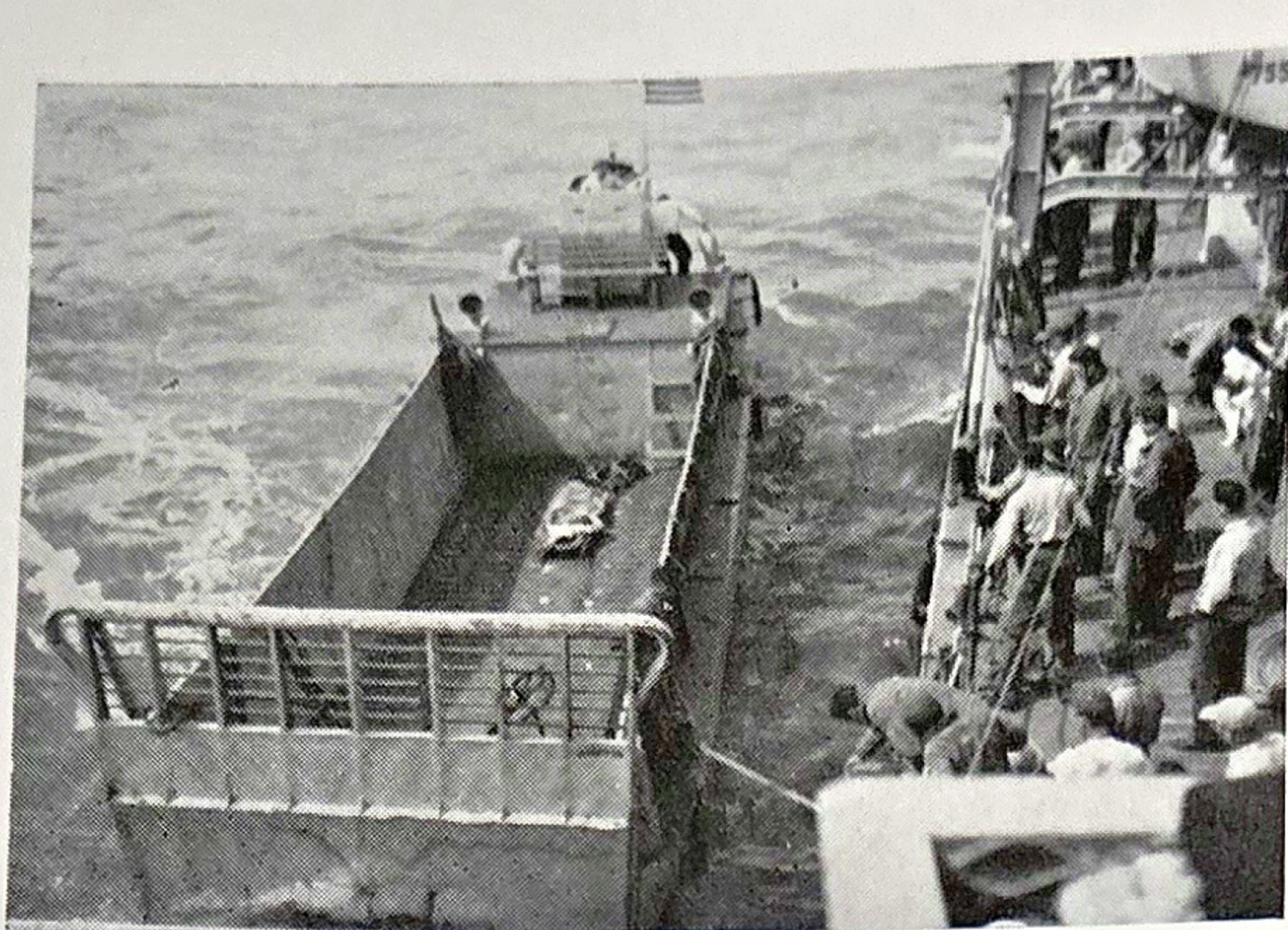
Operating with Our United Nations Allies



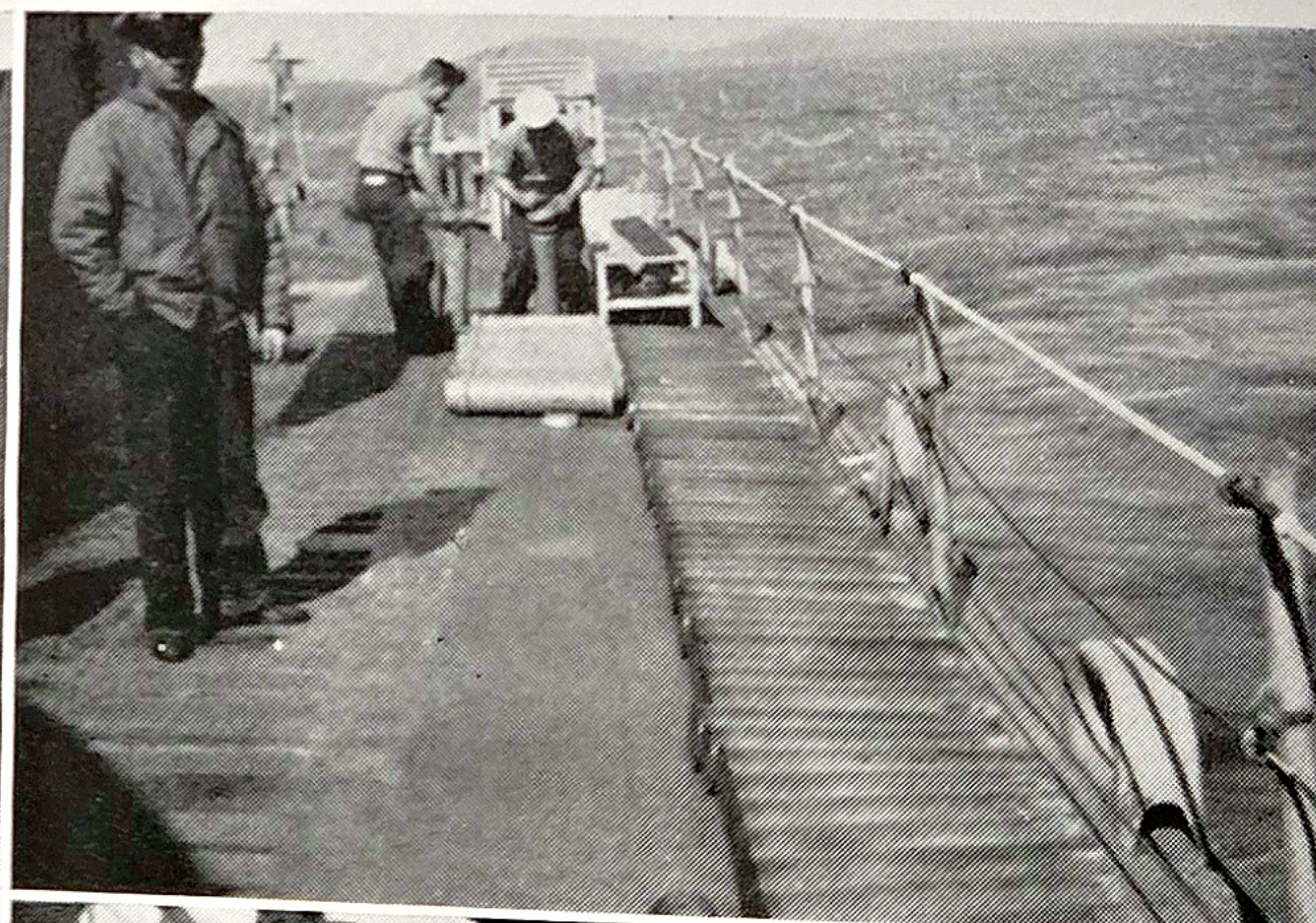
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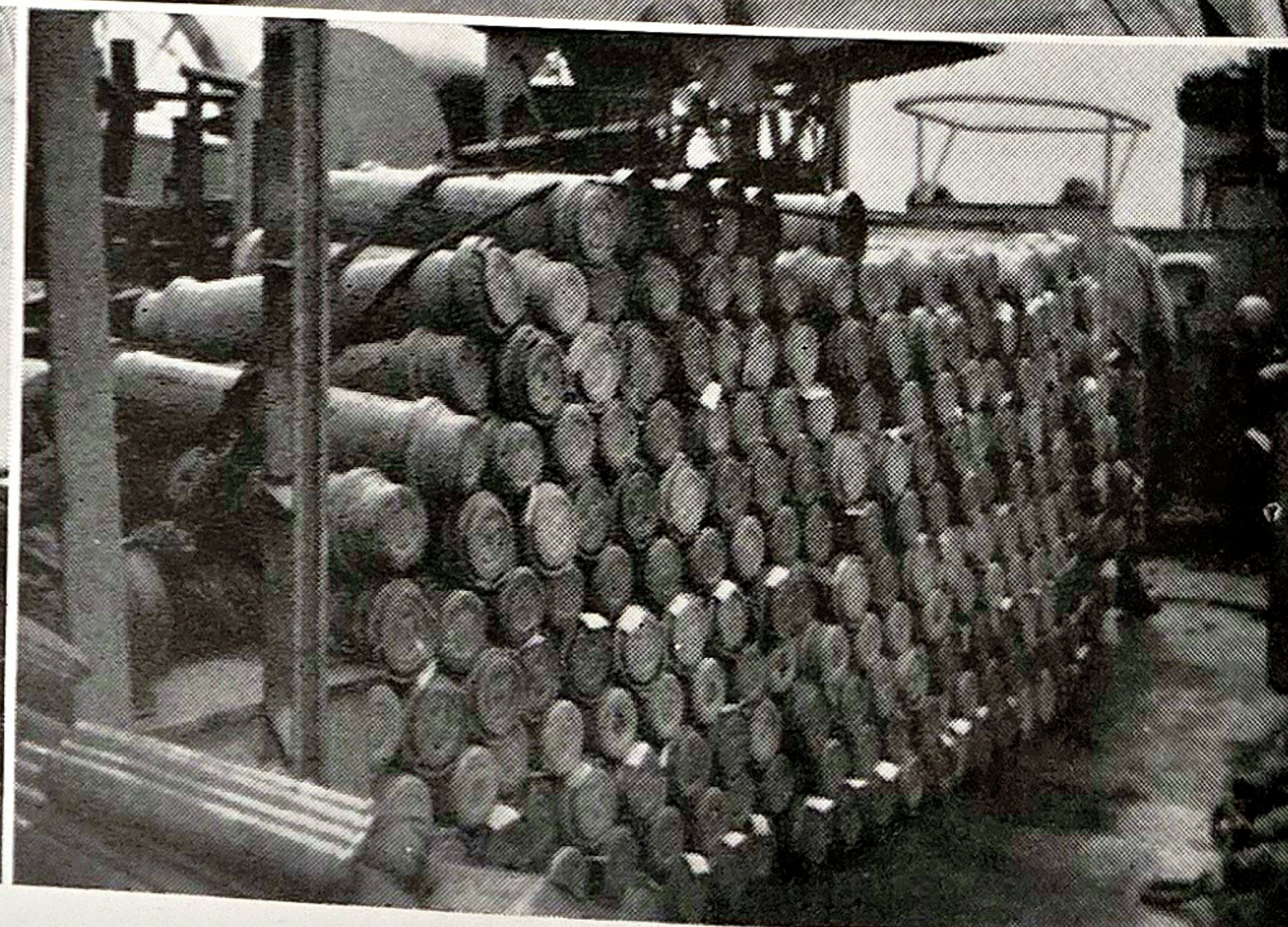
Taking Aboard A Downed Pilot



**A British Captain
Pays Us a Visit**

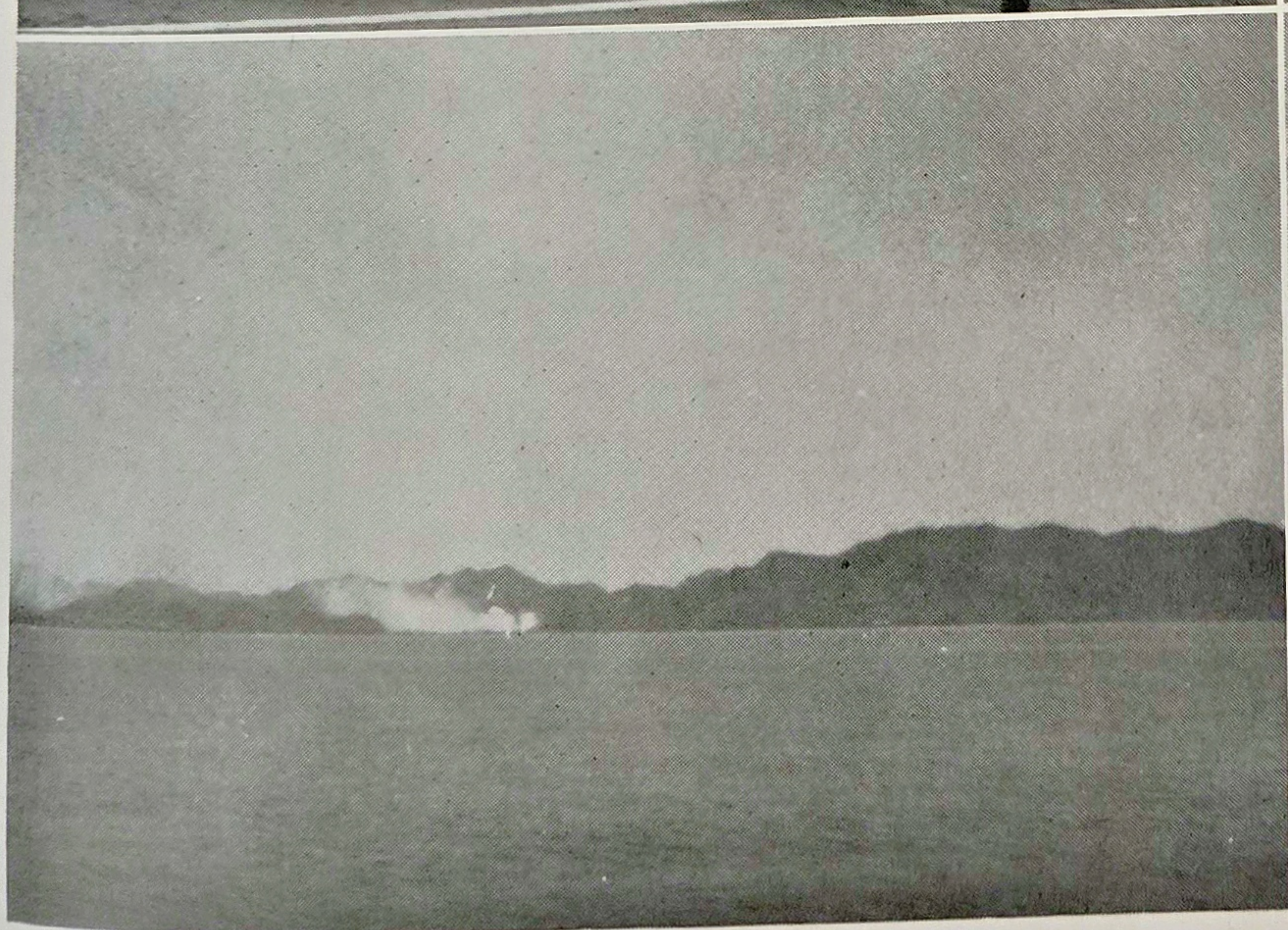


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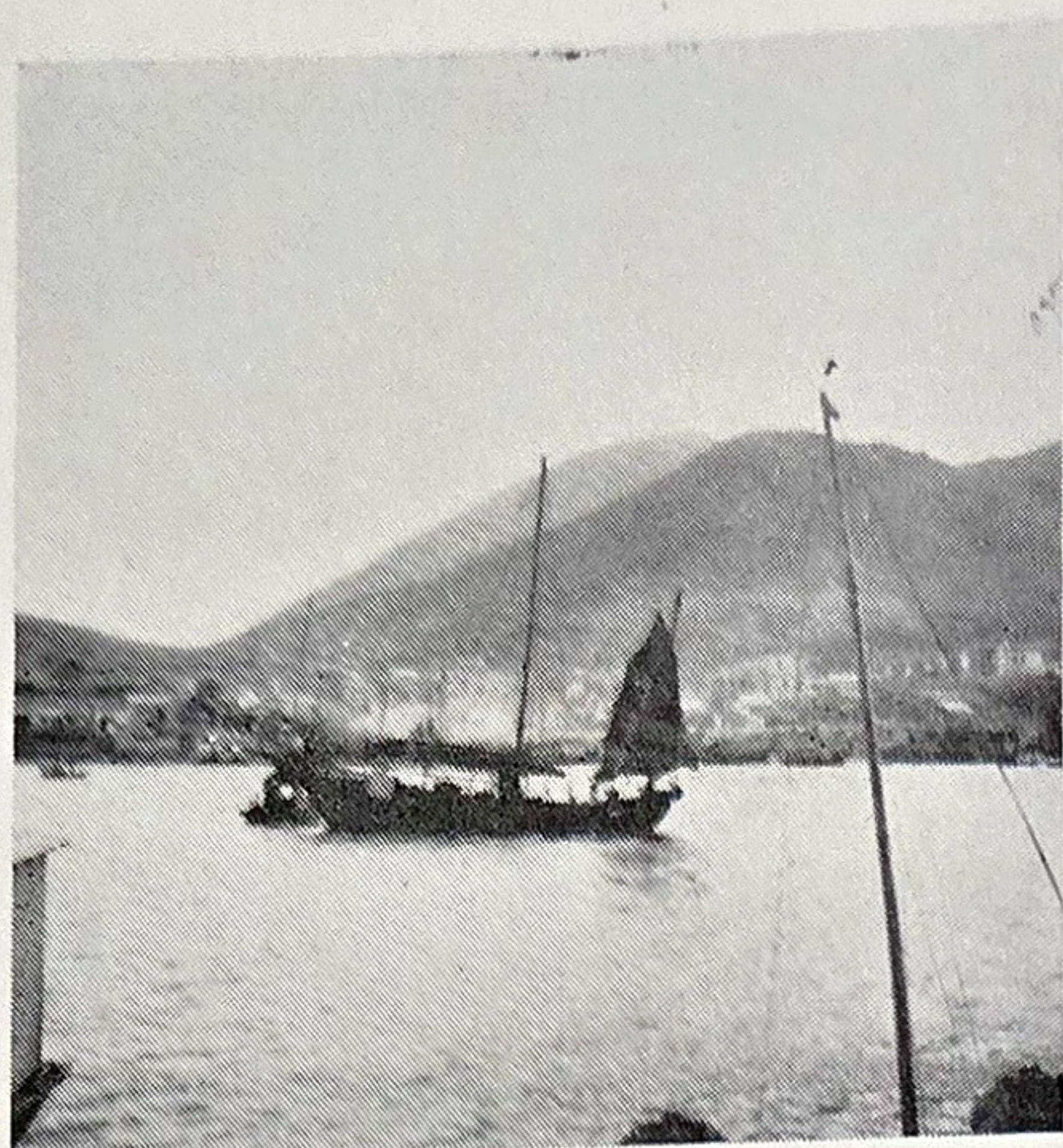


Empty Brass

The Bole Bombarded the Enemy Coastline . . .



And Left Fires Burning on the Beach

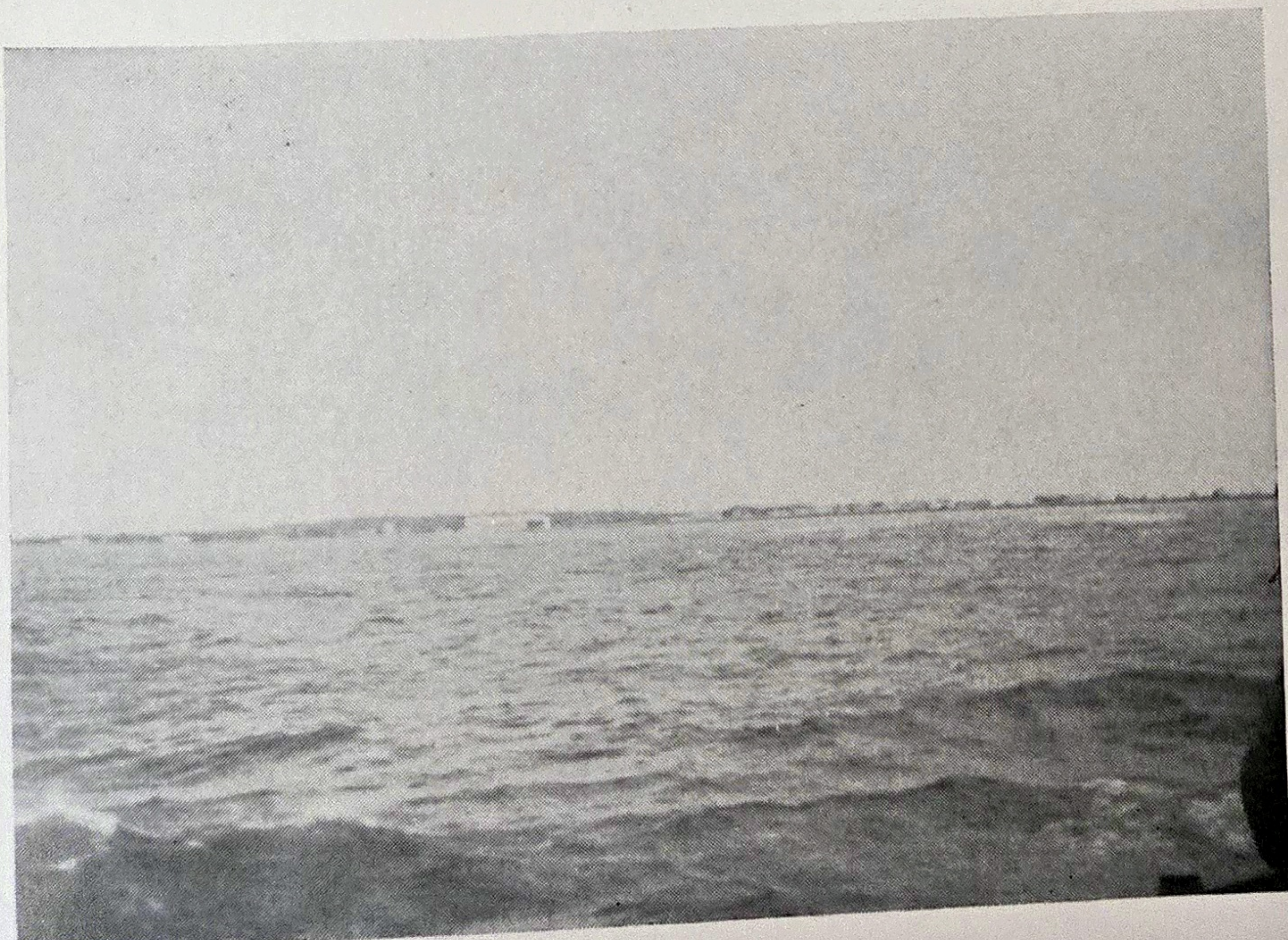
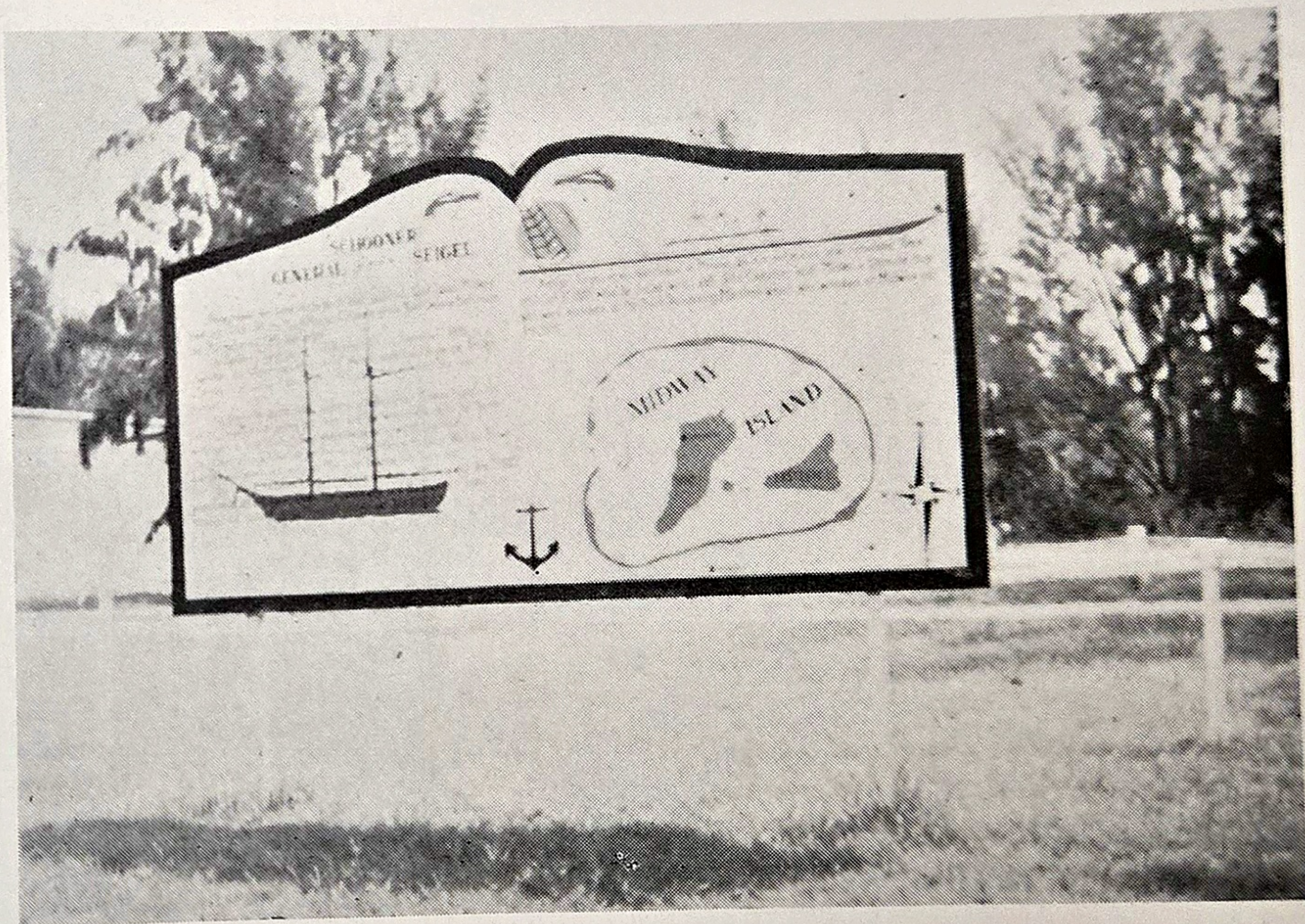


Yokosuka, Japan

Homeward Bound



A Short Stop At Midway

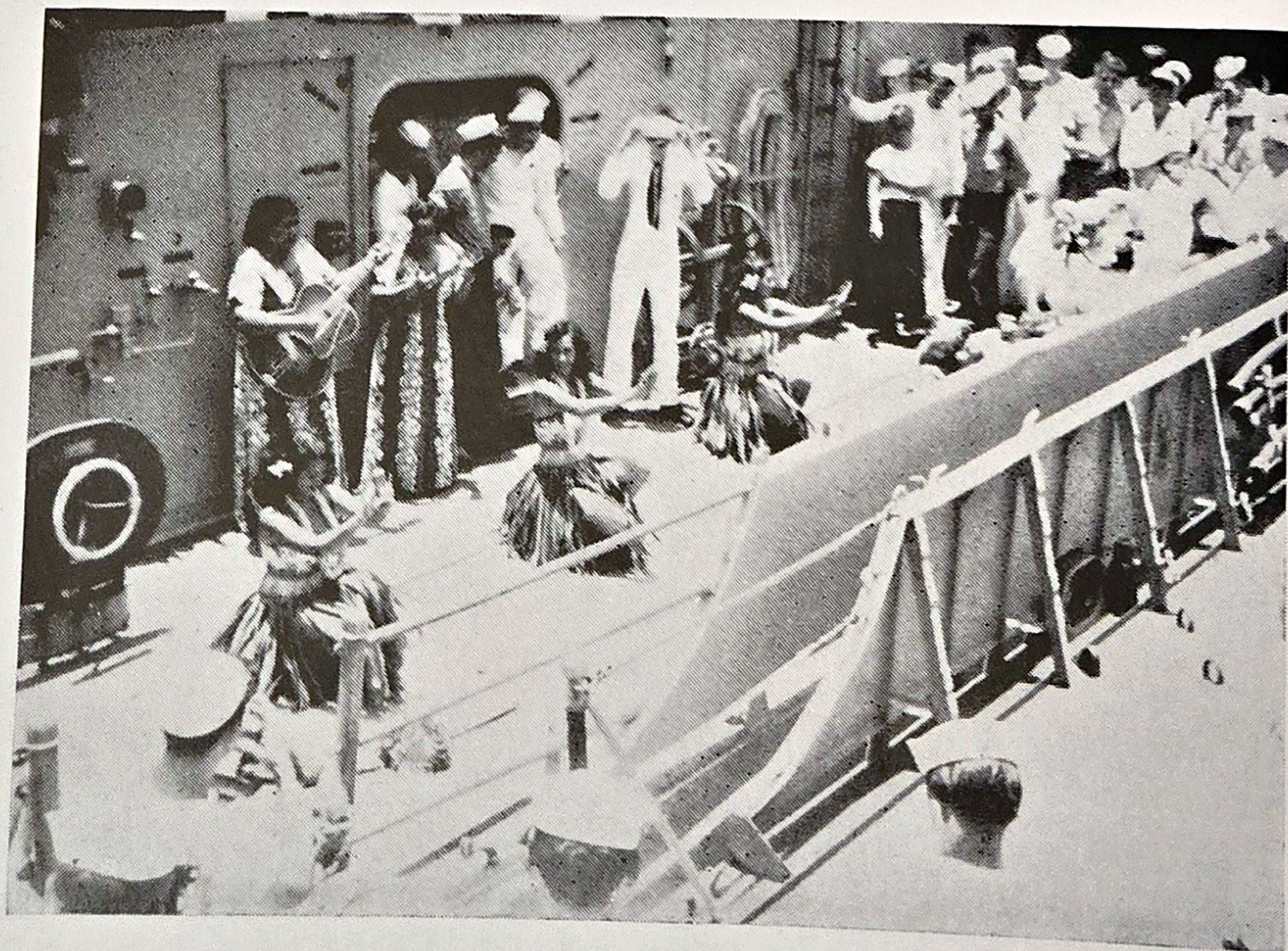


And Then . . .

Pearl Harbor Again



Aloha



**California
Here We Come**

Officers

Davis, Jack W., ENS
 Degler, Forrest R., Jr., LT
 Dwyer, Laurence A., ENS
 Foster, Robert W., ENS
 Gillespie, Niven J., LT
 Hague, Henry W., LT
 Hampton, Charles T., LTJG
 Hayes, Murray L., ENS

Hess, Robert W., LT
 Howland, Frank S., LT
 Ke, Sang Yong, ENS
 Leahy, Harold G., CDR
 Lee, Choung Sun, ENS
 Neff, Paul W., Jr., LTJG (SC)
 Pearlston, Carl B., Jr., ENS
 Radics, Paul E., Jr., LTJG

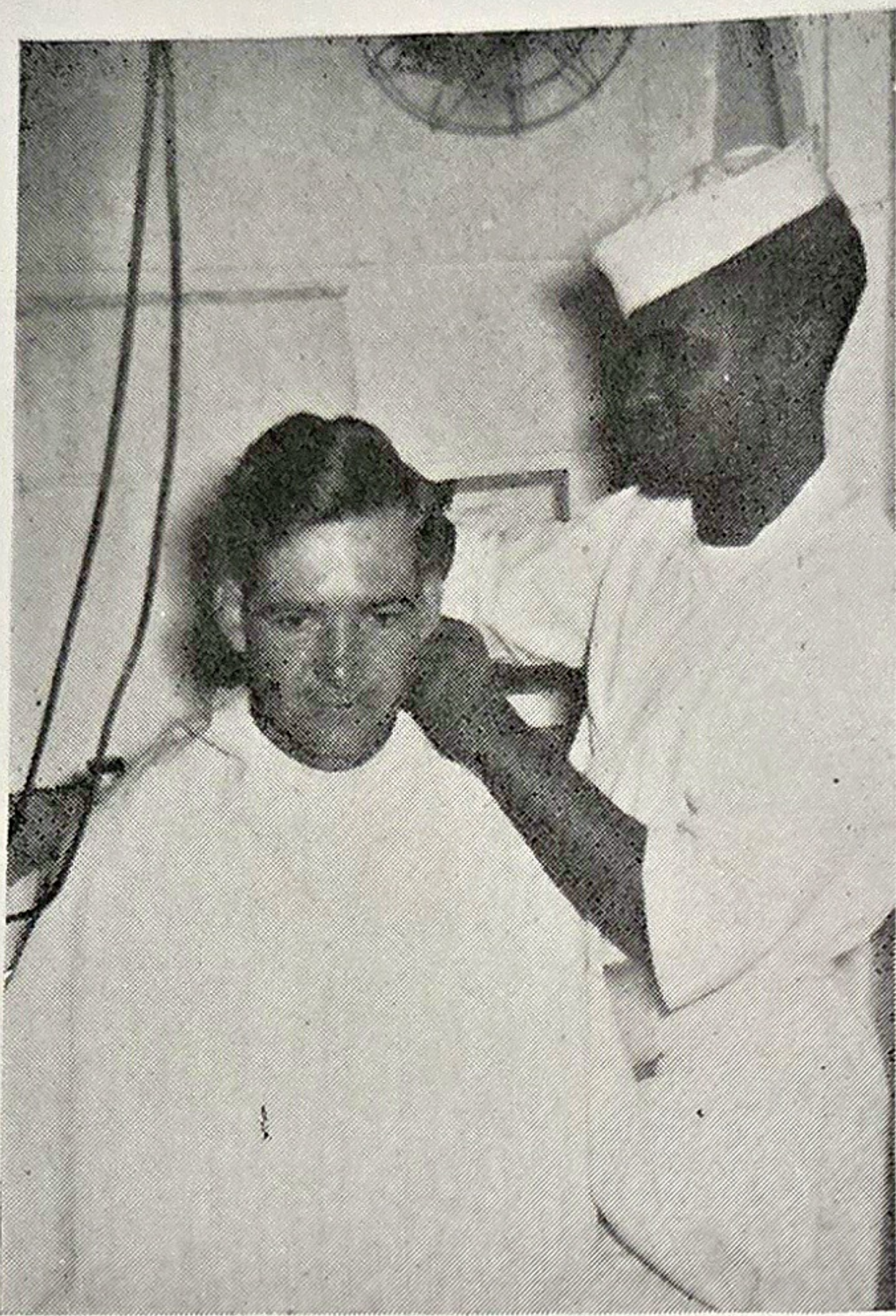
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 Selby, Gordon N., LT
 Smirensky, Alvian N., ENS
 Stalder, Roy F., Jr., ENS
 Stewart, Charles B., ENS
 Winslow, Lawson T., Jr., LT
 Worden, Jack L., LTJG

Muster List

Able, Claver Doyle, SA
 Adams, Donald Jerome, RDSN
 Adams, Harlan Norvin, QM3
 Adams, James Eugene, SN
 Apperson, Charles L., SH3
 Averett, John H., SA
 Bailey, Robert Lewis, RDSN
 Baker, Dolph Willard, GM3
 Baker, Glenn B., SN
 Baker, Jack Lee, SN
 Balderson, Justin Wayne, SA
 Beaber, David Eldridge, FN
 Beeman, James B., RM3
 Beckman, Vernon G., SK3
 Beeler, Dean Hershel, QM2
 Beggs, William K., ET3
 Benham, Earl Leroy, RD3
 Beierink, Ernest Albert, SN
 Bjorkman, Richard Glenn, SA
 Blades, Robert E., SA
 Blanton, Jessie R., EN1
 Boglino, Henry E., SK3
 Bollingmo, James Eric, ETN3
 Borman, Gerald Henry, SA
 Boston, Franklin O., MM3
 Bowles, James M., FTSN

Bowser, Charles L., SN
 Branchaud, Joel Armand, FA
 Brechtel, Fredric Earl, FC1
 Brittian, Maurice Anthony, BT1
 Brown, Leonard Marshall, Jr.,
 BT1
 Buckner, Wilburn L., CSSN
 Bumgardner, Reily Dale, FN
 Bunn, Harold S., SN
 Bundick, Henry Clay, Jr., GMA1
 Burke, Robert O., MM3
 Burt, Richard Orville, FN
 Cameron, Neil Forrest, DK3
 Canter, Walter Andrew, SN
 Carlen, Roland L., MM3
 Carpenter, Orville K., RD2
 Cathey, Hames Claude, SN
 Chaney, Theo Ray, SH3
 Chapman, Halsey F., MM2
 Chestang, Samuel Lee, SD3
 Clark, Bob Gene, SA
 Clark, Charles Edward, SA
 Clark, Clarence Edward, Jr., SN
 Clark, George E., SA
 Clark, James F., SA
 Collins, Jimmy, SA

Colunto, Robert John, SA
 Combs, Raymond Keith, FN
 Connor, William R., RDSN
 Cope, Yvonne E., BT3
 Couch, Billy C., SA
 Couch, Bobby G., QM3
 Crane, Donald A., YNSN
 Cranford, Billy G., SA
 Croley, Richard D., SN
 Cronin, Daniel J., RDSN
 Cozart, Billy Glynn, RDSN
 Dachel, Philip Michael, SA
 Dangerfield, William R., TM3
 Davis, Charles R., SN
 Davis, Jack Curtis, TM1
 Davis, James Charles, Jr., RDSN
 Davis, Louie G., BM3
 Dickerson, Billy Jack, FN
 Diehm, Richard Clare, SA
 Dishman, Andrew Jackson,
 GMM2
 Dodge, Edward L., TESN
 Dodge, Leroy D., GM3
 Doresky, John George, Jr.,
 RMSN
 Dorries, Franklin T., SN



**By Appointment
Only**



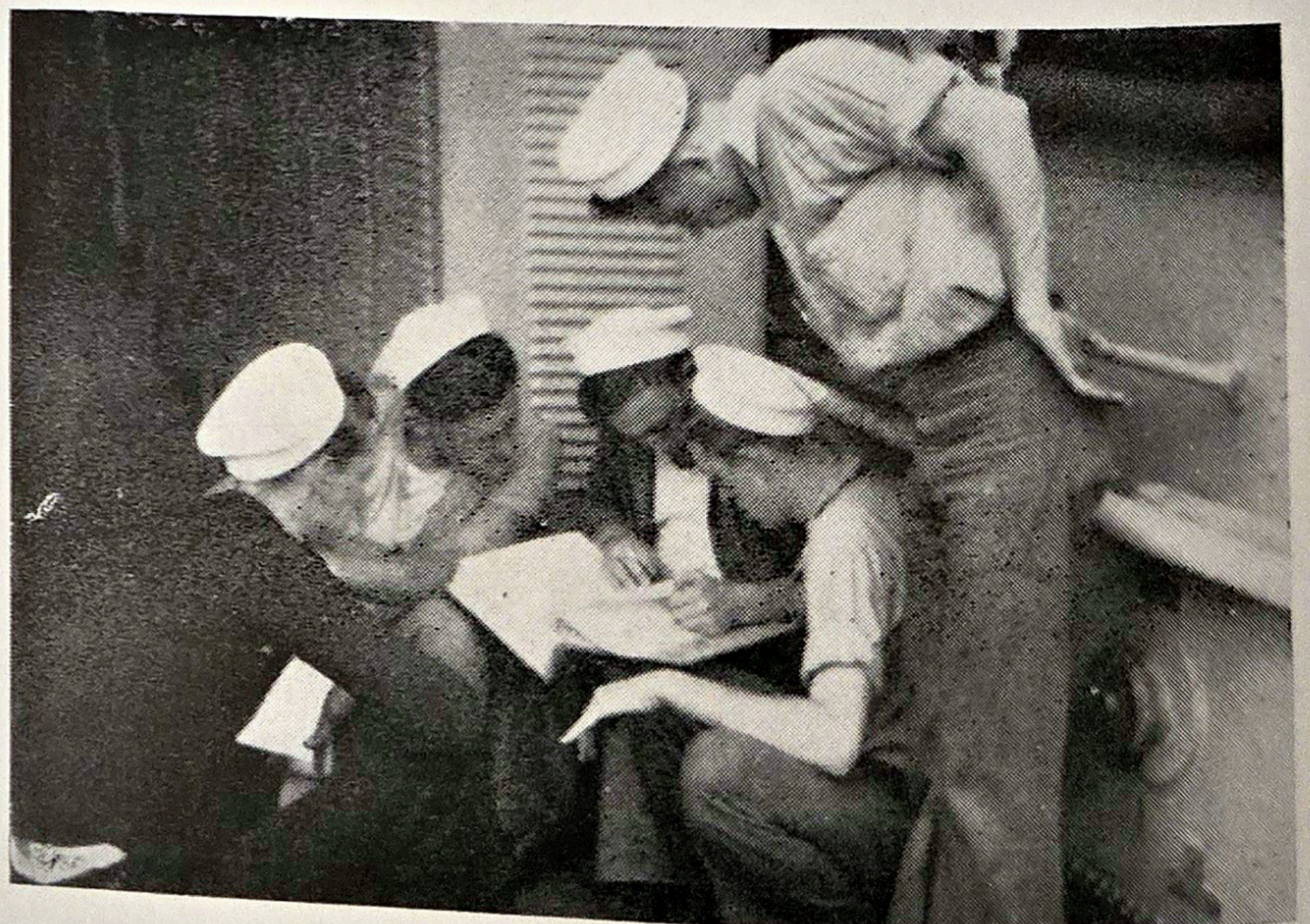
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Writing Home



Here's Looking at You!



It Says Right Here . . .

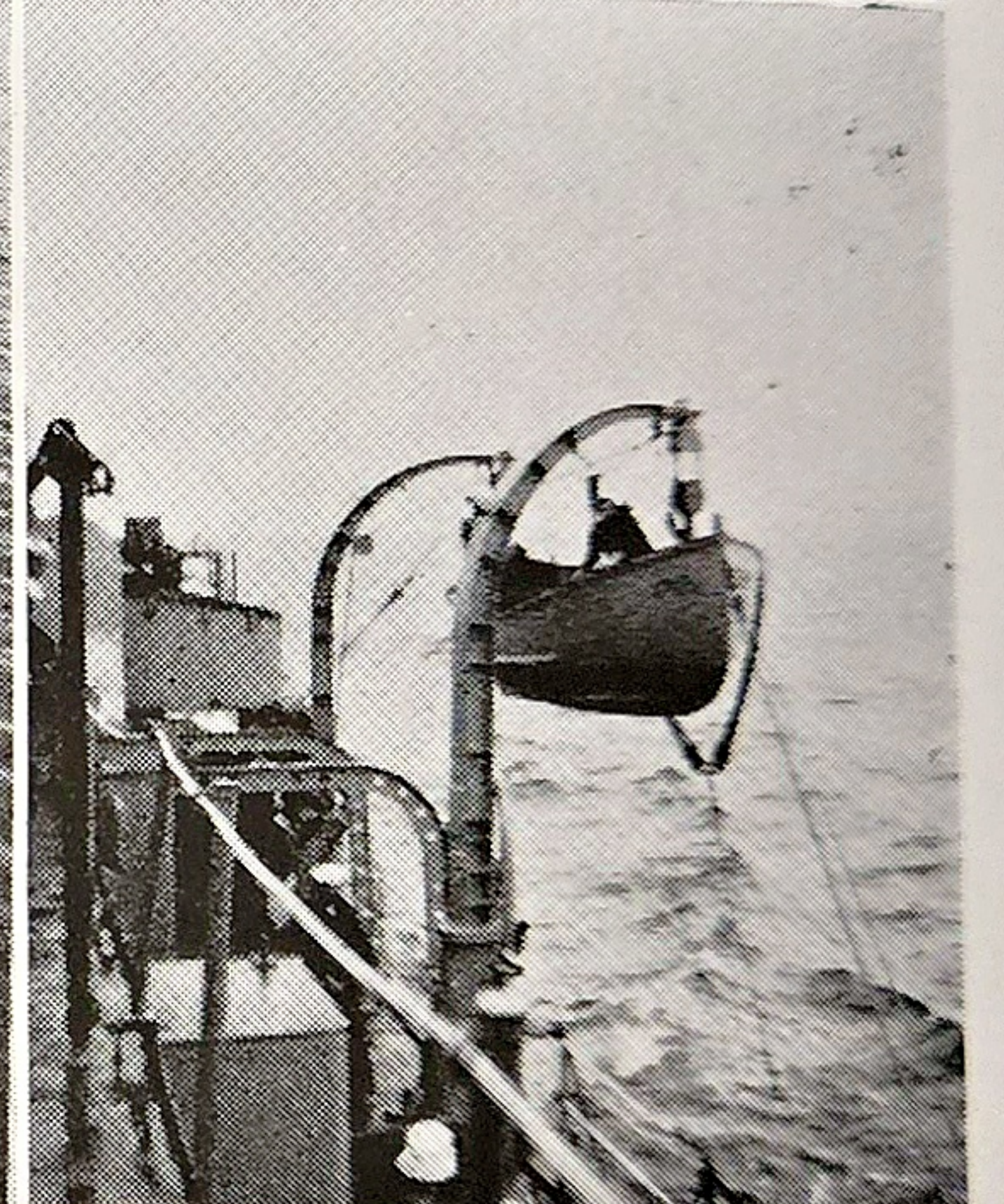
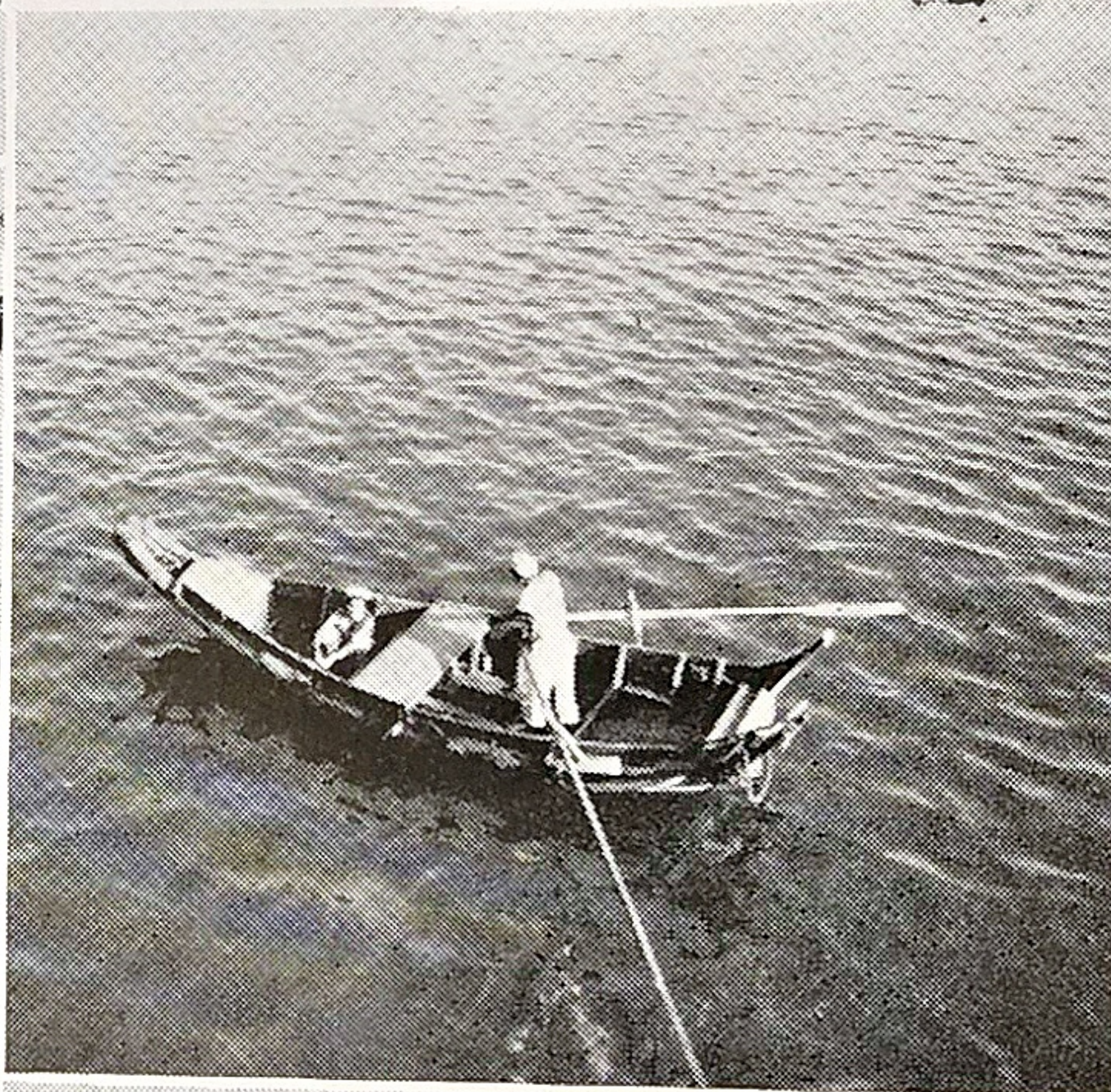
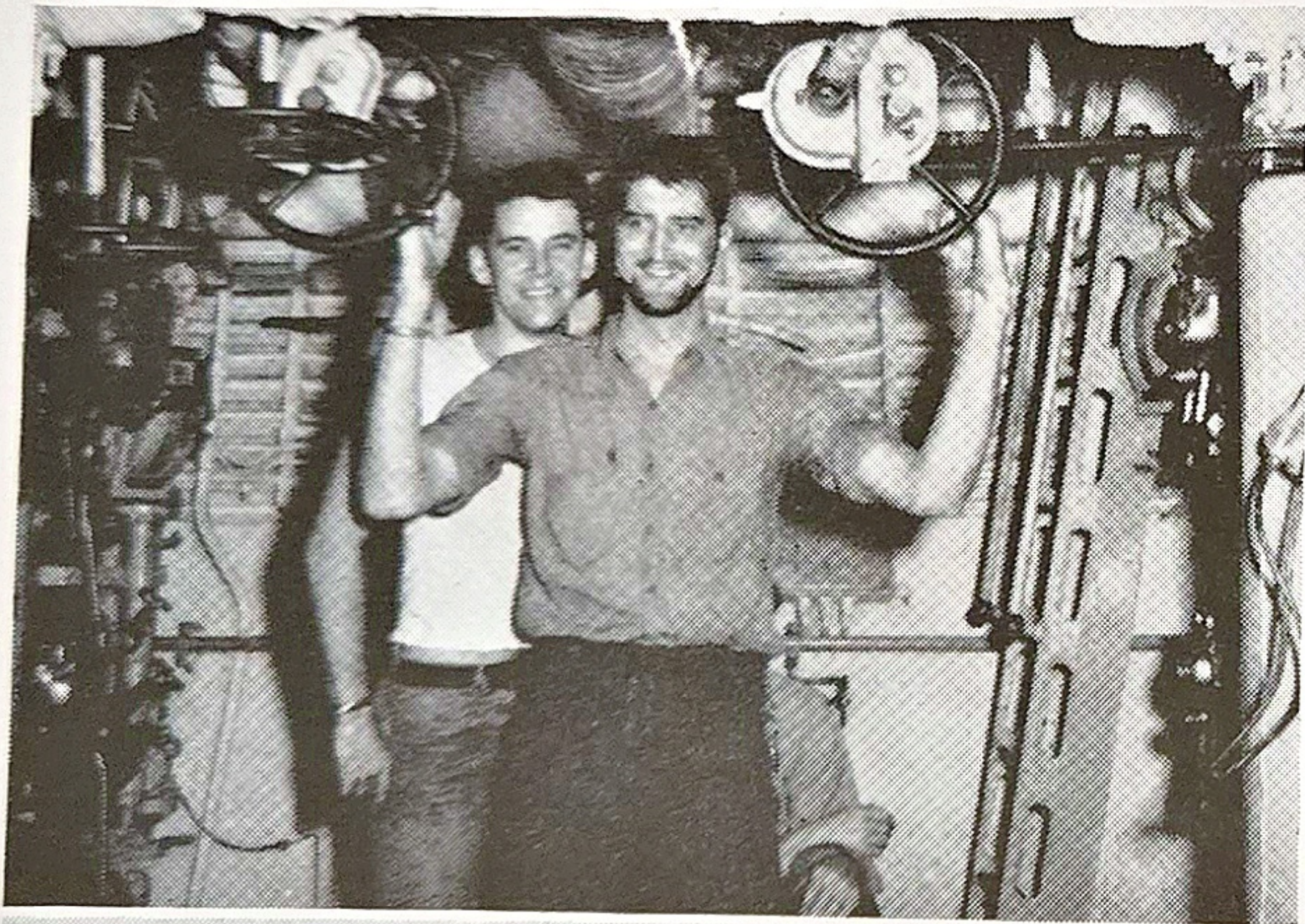
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Dowden, Billy Hobbs, SA
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Easterling, Billy Voy, SN
Eberly, Larry R., CSSN
Eiges, Stephen Eugene, FN
Ellis, Anthony Paul, MMSN
Espinosa, Albert, SN
Esslinger, Glenn H., FT3
Erickson, Donald Foseph, EM2
Farr, Delmer Dwight, BT3
Felts, Hiram Clifford, SN
Fierro, Cipriano, SN
Fillingim, Carl Denny, RDSN
Firestine, Samuel, SN
Fitch, Linwood Ronald, SN
Fisher, Edward R., SN
Flaughter, George Richard, TM3
Foard, Donald E., SA
Franks, Lester R., SO2
Freeman, Herschell Gene, SN
Frio, Anthony D., SO3
Funck, Sodney Paul, FN
Galloway, James R., SN
Garner, Richard L., EMFN
Garrison, Donald Lloyd, MEFN
Gates, Lester Eugene, SN
Gautreaux, Arnold Anthony, MMC
Getshey, John, BM2
Gomez, Profirio, SA
Gotto, Gilbert, GM3
Grant, Robert Wilson, SN
Grant, William L., SN
Haake, Kenneth H., ME3
Hamilton, Roy K., FC3
Hamner, Thelton Max, SN
Hamre, Arthur Eugene, FN
Handley, Donald Francis, FN
Hankle, Robert, SK3
Hanson, Gary W., EPFN
Harris, Jessie Richard, SOG2
Hart, Bobby Walter, SN
Hearington, Charles E., GM3
Heath, Charles Franklin, SN
Henderson, James F., MM3

Higgins, Jay E., FA
Hill, David George, EN2
Hobs, Thomas, SN
Hoffman, Richard P., EMP2
Hoffman, Richard Raymond, GM1
Hogan, James, RDSN
Hook, Raymond Andrew, MML2
Hooton, Robert Dean, QM1
Hosack, Vern Wayne, SA
Howard, John C., SA
Howe, Robert K., MMR3
Hughes, Herbert Pearl, SD1
Hughes, Morris D., FN
Huie, Dale Robson, MMC
Hutchinson, Robert Leo, BT3
Hynden, Dennis Norman, GMM3
Jackson, Billy G., FA
Jackson, William John, FPP3
Jacobs, Albert M., SN
James, Curtiss Joseph, SN
James, Everett Rockwell, ET3
Jefrey, Hilmer L., CSC
Jerdan, Joseph C., SN
Johnson, A. J., SN
Johnson, Edward, SN
Johnson, Richard Barry, FN
Johnston, Worth W., GMC
Jolliffe, Arthur Neill, SKSN
Jones, Robert Dale, FNSN
Jones, Robert Edward, FN
Kain, Leonard A., MMFN
Keating, Bernard F., BMG3
Kelley, Charles M., TESN
Kennedy, Samuel C., FA
Kessler, Pedro, FN
Kilgore, Lonnie E., BT3
King, George Aloysius III, SA
Kitzmann, William, MM2
Klarkowski, Ambrose, TMC
Knipp, Robert F., SA
Knupple, Hillard M., BT3
Kossover, Harold, SA
Kruse, Raymond W., Jr., CSSN
Lachel, Conrad Peter, SN

Lambert, Floyd Earl, FN
Landers, Daniel Stuart, SN
Landry, Aubrey Anthony, QMS2
Lasater, Hugh, MM3
Lawson, Joseph John, SN
Leroy, Herbert Richard, CSSN
Lewis, John Daniel, SN
Lewis, Theodore William, FT3
Limon, Lorenzo, FA
Little, Edward Joseph, SN
Lohman, Hugh P., RMC
Lucas, Fred Garland, SN
Lucas, Richard D., SN
Lyke, Lloyd Dale, SN
Luke, Thomas Wase, SN
Lumpp, Carl William, Jr., RDSN
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Madsen, Maxwell Morris, FN
Mallory, Robert Adrain, Jr., RDSN
Mandina, Paul Joseph, SN
Manoleff, Jim W., RDSN
Marcolina, Robert Lee, FT3
Mares, George W., BTC
Martin, Franklin Leroy, TMC
Martin, Robert A., SN
Martin, Ralph Freeman, FC3
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McGarr, Donald Robert, BM2
McGowan, Morton, SA
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McManus, Robert T., RMSN
Mesaros, Earl E., FN
Metcalf, Homer E., FC3
Midulla, Oscar, SA
Miller, Donald George, MML3
Miller, Glen E., SA
Miller, Harry Allen, GMM2
Mlinar, Peter, FN
Moore, Jerry L., RD3

Familiar Shipboard Sights and Faces



Muster List (continued)

Moore, Reid A., FN
 Morris, Arnold Edward, SN
 Morales, Joe S., SN
 Mullins, Ray Harold, BM1
 Naslund, Wallace R., FN
 Neely, Harve B., DCFN
 Nowicki, Edward Roman, SN
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